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(front cover)

On June 19, 1997, Library staff, Friends of the Library, Town Officials, Employees and numerous volunteers combined efforts to "Celebrate the Library". Hundreds of residents came to the Town Common to enjoy this gala event which kicked off the 1997 Annual Summer Reading Club with the theme of "Celebration".

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The "Mission Statement for the Town of Wilmington" is as follows:

> "The Town of Wilmington, as a municipal corporation, exists in order to deliver a wide range of municipal services to those who live, work or own property within the borders of Wilmington; and in order to make this community a good place to live, to work, and to raise and educate a family, those services must be responsive to the needs of the people. They must be effective and efficient. Principles of honesty, fairness, dependability and compassion must govern the actions of the officials and the employees of the Town. Those who work for the Town as employees or as members of boards, committees and commissions are recognized as its most important resource and the key to its success in serving the people of Wilmington."

Endorsed by the Board of Selectmen May 22, 1989.

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The work of the Board of Selectmen during 1997 continued to focus on a variety of issues related to managing and accommodating growth.

There is no question that the Town of Wilmington offers many attractions for a variety of interests. Organizations seeking an affordable place to conduct business are choosing to start up or relocate in Wilmington. Families searching for a safe and nurturing environment to raise children are buying homes here. While some retirees leave Wilmington for other parts of the country, many are choosing to stay in town to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them.

The Master Plan Advisory Committee met with the Board in January to outline its recommendations. The committee noted that a concerted effort must begin to establish clear goals and objectives concerning future development, in short, a vision of what we want Wilmington to look like and to be like. Once we have a clear vision of where we want to be, the town must then plot the best course to move us in that direction.

At the urging of the Board of Selectmen, Annual Town Meeting participants agreed to appropriate $30,000 for assistance in the preparation of the first phase of a comprehensive master plan. It is expected that this appropriation will enable the town to begin to update its planning tools, conduct land use analysis and establish mechanisms to measure the impact of growth on town services and infrastructure.

One very tangible impact of growth throughout the community has been the need for additional school and general government space. Thanks to the wisdom of Wilmington residents, a debt exclusion slightly in excess of $31 million was authorized and funded for a comprehensive middle school and police/fire station. Both projects are well into the planning phase at the close of 1997.

Work on the Route 62 bridge project began with a pre-construction conference in June. Engineers from the Massachusetts Highway Department met with representatives from the town and the general contractor to discuss issues such as parking during construction, continued access over the bridge during construction and a variety of other concerns critical to the town. According to state engineers the project is expected to start in earnest in the spring of 1998 and to be complete in 1999.

Board members affirmed their support of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) plans to construct a parking area capable of accommodating 250 to 300 vehicles. The parking facility will be located near the Main Street railroad crossing in an area currently being occupied by an MBTA maintenance building. A time line for completion has not yet been set.

Double and triple utility poles on town sidewalks and along town roadways has been a significant safety concern for the Board. At the urging of the Selectmen the 1997 Annual Town Meeting approved a measure to address this issue. Since adoption of the by-law many multiple poles have been removed. Utility companies are preparing a local inventory of all multiple pole locations. Under the new by-law such poles must be removed by a time certain.

Selectmen continue to monitor the remediation efforts of the Olin Corporation as they continue to take steps to mitigate the impact of the subsurface contamination which originated from their property on Eames Street. Representatives from the Olin Corporation have presented test results from subsurface borings which indicate that the contaminants pose no immediate threat to the town's water supply.

In an effort to ensure public access to Silver Lake by residents of all abilities, the Selectmen have entered into an agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife to design and construct a fishing pier. The town is working with its state legislative delegation to obtain the necessary state funding.

In March the Board, at the recommendation of the Cable T.V. Advisory Task Force, executed a 10 year renewal of MediaOne's license to provide cable service. The license, which contains many key provisions favorable to the town, ensures that Wilmington residents are guaranteed access to cable service.

Board members wish to acknowledge the generous donation which was made to the town by the Sons of Italy. Their donation of $33,116 enabled the town to purchase a handicapped accessible van to transport senior citizens to and from appointments.

Clearly, one of the Board's most critical responsibilities and perhaps our most important decision is the appointment of a Town Manager. While the Board is responsible for setting broad policy and direction it is the Town Manager who is responsible for obtaining and directing the necessary personnel and other resources to ensure that municipal services continue at the highest level possible. In light of the strong leadership which Michael Caira has demonstrated, Selectmen voted to reappoint him for a three year term as Town Manager.

While the Town Manager deserves much credit for the dramatic improvement in the town's fiscal affairs over the past several years and for the quality services which we all receive, none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the town employees and volunteers. Their day to day contributions are recognized and appreciated.

Daniel C. Wandell

Daniel C. Wandell, Chairman

Left to right: Selectman Michael J. Newhouse, Selectman Robert J. Cain, Chairman Daniel C. Wandell (seated), Selectman James J. Rooney and Selectman Michael V. McCoy.

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Wilmington:

At the 1997 Annual Town Meeting and Election, Wilmington voters said "Yes" to the town's most ambitious capital improvement program since the adoption of Proposition 2 ½ in 1981. Residents voted to authorize passage of a $31.6M debt exclusion to finance the design and construction of a new comprehensive middle school and a joint police and fire facility. It is my belief that informed voters factored the town's improved fiscal position into their reasoning when approving these two major bond issues.

The town's improved fiscal position is a result of external economic factors and internal financial planning. Throughout the 1990's efforts have concentrated on reducing the growth of government and on delivering services more efficiently. The implementation of a deliberately conservative fiscal plan contributed to the town's economic recovery. It was only several years ago that the town was beset with deficits, tax liabilities and the routine requirement of borrowing to meet everyday obligations. Free cash, a standard measurement of a community's financial condition was certified at more than negative $1.5M. Thankfully, that situation has changed. Instead, we are reporting for the third consecutive year positive free cash at a rate far in excess of prior years. As of July 1, 1997, the town's positive free cash position has been certified by the State Department of Revenue at just under $2.4M, a better than $1.3M improvement from one year ago. In free cash alone, the town has made a positive "swing" of more than $4M.

Free cash is but one indicator of Wilmington's positive financial condition. Water reserves exceed $1.1M which has enabled the town to dedicate significant dollars to capital improvements within the system without the need to borrow. Since 1991, more than $400,000 has been earmarked to the capital stabilization fund. This source of revenue has allowed the town to supplement certain capital expenditures, thus minimizing the impact on tight operational budgets. The current balance in the stabilization fund, which is not factored in the town's free cash, is better than $161,000.

In November of 1997, Selectmen adopted the recommendation of the Board of Assessors to establish the tax classification shift at 1.60. As a result of this decision, the 1998 residential tax rate remained at the same level as the previous year. This was the first time since 1989 that the residential tax rate did not increase. Additionally, the Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property rate experienced its lowest increase (2%) since 1991. In October of 1997, ratepayers saw their water rates decrease to the lowest level since 1988

and sewer users experienced a rate reduction for the fifth consecutive year. In the last five years sewer rates have decreased by 46%.

It is my belief that as the town prepares to issue debt in conjunction with its capital building program, it can expect low interest rates and a positive response from financial institutions. Building positive reserves, minimizing long term debt, stabilizing utility and tax rates and maintaining a deliberately conservative spending posture is paramount to insuring Wilmington's future fiscal health.

Design firms have been selected for the two major building projects. Architectural Resources of Cambridge, Inc. (ARC) was hired to design and oversee construction for the 150,000 sq. ft. middle school. By year's end, the schematic design had been submitted for review to the Permanent Building Committee and to the School Committee. The building is being designed to accommodate the educational needs of more than 1,000 students in grades 6 through 8.

The town chose Donham & Sweeney Inc. of Boston to provide architectural and engineering services for the design and construction of a new public safety building. The initial startup of the project was delayed due to wetland issues on site. The town has determined that the best utilization for the Adelaide/Church Street site requires municipal sewerage and a proposal to that effect will be brought forward at Town Meeting. At the end of the year, the architect presented the Permanent Building Committee with a detailed "Space Needs Study" for the proposed facility. Assisting the town throughout the design and construction project is Stuart Lesser of Joslin, Lesser and Associates. Mr. Lesser, an architect recognized for his expertise and extensive experience in managing public construction, will serve as project manager for both projects.

Several important planning issues were brought to the forefront in 1997. The town appropriated $30,000 to undertake the priority elements of a Comprehensive Master Plan recommended by the Master Plan Advisory Committee. The Water and Sewer Department is in the process of updating the Sewer Master Plan in conjunction with funding a townwide Environmental Impact Study. A draft Open Space and Recreational Plan was prepared in anticipation of the development of a final plan in 1998. And finally, Town Meeting accepted the report of the Committee on Unaccepted Ways to establish a town participatory betterments program in an effort to improve substandard streets.

New facilities and planning initiatives were not the only item on the Town Meeting agenda. The voters adopted several changes to both the Inhabitants and Zoning Bylaws. Three of the more significant adoptions included new bylaws to regulate utility poles; a bylaw to regulate the use and location of wireless communication facilities; and the promulgation of a major revision to the town's flood plain district.

Municipal departments continue their efforts to improve upon services. Surplus funds generated from recreation sponsored programs enabled the town to eliminate resident user fees at Silver Lake. A second playground area was opened to accommodate the overflow of youngsters participating in the Recreation Department's summer program. Additional staffing and a significant boost to the books' and materials' account contributed to more program

offerings at the Library. The Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library have become an important adjunct to the Library's community outreach efforts. The Historical Commission discovered a large collection of Wilmington memorabilia dating back to the 18th century. The collection, which includes museum quality artifacts, was purchased upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the approval of the Finance Committee.

The Board of Health increased its support of outpatient mental health services and continued its outreach efforts through the sponsorship of a wide variety of health initiatives, including a town Health Fair and a "To Your Health" video series.

Two lotteries were held for 18 affordable units at Shawsheen Commons and for an affordable house on Town-owned land. A First Time Homebuyer's Program was established through the North Shore Home Consortium. At year's end, the town's Community Development Block Grant was renewed to continue in place the successful Employment Assistance Program and the town's Revolving Business Loan Program. The town received a variety of grants throughout the year, including funding for elderly services, septic management, a tobacco health program, community policing and fire protection.

In 1997, the town addressed many of its capital equipment needs. Four replacement cruisers were put into service at the Police Station and the new fire engine authorized at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting was delivered this past year. Maintenance, service and construction vehicles were purchased for the Public Buildings and Public Works Departments. The Wilmington Sons of Italy donated more than $33,000 for the purchase of a handicapped accessible van for the Elderly Services Department and a similar van was purchased from town funds for the School Department.

The town made many improvements to recreational, school and municipal facilities in 1997. New sidewalks were constructed on Shawsheen Avenue from Ferguson Road to Carter Lane and on Carter Lane to school property. New sidewalks were also constructed on Adams and Parker Streets, and more than 9,000 feet of sidewalks were repaired and overlayed on Church Street, Reed Street and Harold Avenue. The most ambitious street resurfacing project in memory resulted in repaving over 10 miles of roadways on 29 different streets. Public Works' employees upgraded ball fields at the Woburn Street School, at Rotary Park and at the Town Hall complex. The track at the High School was also resurfaced.

Among the major building improvement projects undertaken by the town in 1997 were the repair of roofs at the Woburn Street School and at the Fourth of July Building; the window replacement project at the Wildwood School; and extensive classroom modifications at the West Intermediate and High Schools. Town Meeting voters approved the expenditure of $52,500 to upgrade the fire alarm system at the West Intermediate School and more than $16,000 for ADA improvements at the Library.

I am especially grateful to the scores of volunteers who serve on town boards and committees. Their efforts more than supplement the work of town employees and officials. The Town of Wilmington has long boasted a roster of dedicated volunteers and employees whose work ethic and commitment to excellence contribute to the betterment of our community. We thank and recognize the

efforts of Conservation Commissioner Barbara Sullivan, Library Trustee Patricia Duggan, Planning Board member Karen Metcalfe and Recreation Commissioner Jim Buckley, all of whom stepped down from their respective committees after many years of dedicated service. We mourn the passing of Milton Calder, who served as a member of the Board of Health since 1986, and Police Officer Joseph Waterhouse, whose sudden passing saddened an entire community.

Three of the town's most senior department heads have retired. Treasurer/Collector Joseph Peters, whose expertise in collection procedures and debt management contributed to Wilmington's financial recovery, was replaced by Stanley Smith. Mr. Smith is the former Assistant Treasurer/ Collector in the Town of Concord, Massachusetts. Edie Cunningham, who served 12 years as coordinator for the Council on Aging and then in 1991 became Wilmington's first Director of Elderly Services, retired at year's end. Mrs. Cunningham was replaced by Theresa Marciello, a licensed social worker and gerontology professional. One last storm marked the departure of retiring DPW Superintendent Bob Palmer. Bob retired following 44 years of exemplary service to his community, 30 of which found him as head of the town's largest municipal department. Donald Onusseit, P.E., former DPW Director in the Town of Wakefield, is the new Superintendent. Best wishes are extended to retiring Police Lieutenant Robert Larivee and Detective Michael Celata, who together provided Wilmington with more than 52 years of professional law enforcement services. Ann Schwartz of the Town Manager's office, Charles Ganno of the Department of Public Works and Kenneth Roberts of the Public Buildings Department also retired in 1997 following many years of dedicated service to Wilmington.

As I reflect on the year 1997 I am reminded of a witticism credited to author James B. Conant who wrote, "Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out." Like the turtle, town government's steps have been measured and steady, enabling Wilmington residents the opportunity to stick their necks out and chart a path of progress for our families and our future.

Town Manager Michael A. Caira congratulates retiring DPW Superintendent Robert P. Palmer on 44 years of dedicated service to the Town of Wilmington.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Caira
Town Manager

Directory of Officials - January 1, 1998

Board of Selectmen	Daniel C. Wandell, Chairman	1998
	James J. Rooney	1998
	Michael V. McCoy	1999
	Michael J. Newhouse	1999
	Robert J. Cain	2000
Town Manager	Michael A. Caira	
Moderator	James C. Stewart	2000
School Committee	Barbara K. Breakey, Chairman	1999
	Susanne L. Clarkin, Vice Chairman	2000
	Suzanne Spiris Rooney, Secretary	1998
	Paul R. Palizzolo	1998
	Stephen P. Peterson	1998
	Robert W. Young	1999
	Thomas W. Siracusa	2000
Superintendent of Schools	Geraldine A. O'Donnell	
Finance Committee	George W. Hooper, Chairman	2000
	John F. Doherty III, Vice Chairman	1999
	Barry J. Mulholland, Secretary	1999
	William A. Cole	1998
	John M. Walsh	1998
	Ann Yurek	1998
	Anthony E. Krzeminski	1999
	Paul Sweeney	2000
	Robert D. Ennis	2000

Boards, Committees & Commissions 1997

	Term Expires
Appeals, Board of	
Charles E. Boyle, Chairman	1999
Philip A. Fenton, Sr.	1998
Louis J. Farkas, Jr.	2000
Anita H. Backman, Assoc.	1998
Robert L. Doucette, Assoc.	1998
John R. Forrest, Assoc.	1998
Assessors, Board of	
Humphrey J. Moynihan, Principal	
Roger J. Lessard	
Cable TV Advisory Task Force	
Jeffrey M. Hull, Chairman	
Ruth Kennedy	
A. Quincy Vale	
Peter Nelson	
Bradford L. Jackson	
Carter Lecture Fund Committee	
H. Elizabeth White, Chairman	1998
Andrea B. Houser, Corr. Sec.	1999
Dorothy V. Lafionatis, Treas.	2000
Ann H. Berghaus, Rec. Sec.	2000
Adele C. Passmore, Publicity	1998
Cemetery Commission	
William F. Cavanaugh, Chairman	2000
Bernard P. McMahon	1998
Willis C. Lyford	1999
Conservation Commission	
James H. Morris, Chairman	1998
Judith A. Waterhouse, V. Chmn.	1998
Richard J. Patterson	1998
Lisa A. Brothers	1999
Derek P. Fullerton	1999
Mark J. Brazell	2000
Jolene S. Lewis	2000
Disabilities, Commission On	
Frank A. Botte, Chairman	1998
Joseph P. Franceschi, Jr.	1998
Richard Gage	1999
Phyllis P. Genetti	1999
Charlotte A. Guthrie	2000
George B. O'Connell	2000
James J. Rooney (Selectmen Liaison)	

	Term Expires
Elderly Services Commission	
Joseph C. Filipowicz, Chairman	1998
Thomas J. Barrasso	1998
Henry C. Latta	1998
Marilyn K. McCarthy	1999
Joseph A. Paglia	1999
Evelyn T. Kaminski	2000
Frank J. Ratto	2000
Emergency Management Committee	
Michael A. Caira	
Jeffrey M. Hull	
Daniel R. Stewart	
Gregory P. Erickson	
Donald N. Onusseit	
Michael Morris	
Michael J. Woods	
Bobby N. Stewart	
Daniel W. Paret	
Roger J. Lessard	
Health, Board of	
James A. Ficociello, Chmn.	1998
James E. Mahoney, Jr.	1999
Milton E. Calder, Sr.*	2000
*Deceased	
Historical Commission	
Carolyn R. Harris, Chairman	1999
Dorothy V. Lafionatis, Treas.	1998
Paul L. Chalifour	1998
Kathleen Black Reynolds	1998
James T. Murray	1999
Jean M. Rowe	1999
Frank J. West	2000
Housing Authority	
Lillian C. C. Hupper, Chmn.	2000
Charles R. Fiore, Jr., V. Chmn.	1998
Dorothy A. Butler, Sec.	1998
Melvin F. Keough	2001
*Robert DiPasquale, Vice Treas.	
*State Appointee	
Housing Partnership	
Mark T. Haldane, Chairman	1999
Raymond G. Forest, V. Chairman	1999
Charles E. Boyle	1999
Gregory P. Erickson	1999
Carole S. Hamilton	1999
Lillian C. C. Hupper	1999
Daniel W. Paret	1999
Rev. Herbert Taylor	1999
Lester E. White	1999
Lynn Goonin Duncan, Director	
Daniel C. Wandell, Sel. Liaison	

Boards, Committees & Commissions 1997

	Term Expires
Library Trustees	
Mary J. Deislinger, Chairman	1998
Martha K. Stevenson, V. Chairman	1998
James F. Banda	1999
Anne Buzzell	1999
Maureen A. Rounds	2000
Lester E. White	2000
Permanent Building Committee	
Roger J. Lessard, Chairman	1999
Randi R. Holland	1998
Mark T. Haldane	1999
Joseph A. Langone	2000
Paul J. Melaragni	2000
Planning Board	
James L. Diorio, Chairman	2001
Michael A. Roache, Clerk	1999
Austin L. Rounds	1998
Scott C. Garrant	2000
Carole S. Hamilton	2002
Recreation Commission	
William Savosik, Chairman	2000
C. Michael Burns, V. Chairman	1999
Larry G. Noel	1998
Jay Tighe	1998
Debra J. Gray	2000
Redevelopment Authority	
Charles N. Gilbert, Chairman	2001
Patricia F. Duggan*, V. Chairman	1998
John H. Creeth, Treas.	1998
Paul Logan, Asst. Treas.	1998
A. Mark Zinan	2001
Michael N. Matt, Consultant	
* State Appointment	
Regional Vocational Technical School Committee	
Robert G. Peterson	1998
James M. Gillis	2000
Registrars, Board of	
Barbara J. Buck, Chairman	1998
Edward L. Sousa	1999
Alice M. Hooper	2000
Kathleen M. Scanlon, Clerk	

	Term Expires
Town Center Committee	
Michael J. Newhouse, Chairman	
Raymond G. Forest, Vice Chmn.	
Diane M. Allan	
Noel D. Baratta, Sr.	
Michael A. Caira	
Rocco V. DePasquale	
James L. Diorio	
Patricia F. Duggan	
Lynn G. Duncan	
Charles N. Gilbert	
Carole S. Hamilton	
Joseph A. Langone	
Richard A. Longo	
Michael N. Matt	
Margaret Quinn	
James J. Rooney	
Town Forest Committee	
Robert P. Palmer, Chairman	2000
Forrest G. Downs	1999
Frederick L. Jaeschke	2000
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Michael Morris	2000
Lorraine P. Dineen	2000
Stanley E. Smith	2000
Unaccepted Ways, Committee On	
Michael A. Roache, Chairman	
Lynn G. Duncan, Secretary	
Silverius J. Blonigen	
Robert J. Cain	
Richard Capone	
Cheryl A. Dunn	
Harold R. Gillam	
Randi R. Holland	
William G. Hooper	
Andrew Kuchinsky	
Robert P. Palmer	
Vincent Scifo	
Martha K. Stevenson	
Water and Sewer Commissioners	
Noel D. Baratta, Sr., Chairman	1999
Richard A. Longo	1998
Edwin P. Tripp, III	2000

	Term Expires
Wilmington Arts Council	
David J. Maison, Chairman	1999
H. Elizabeth White, V. Chairman	1999
Anne Buzzell, Treasurer	1998
Jane Crane, Rec. Sec.	1999
Frances Keough, Corr.Sec.	1999
Daniel H. Ballou, Sr.	1998
Carmelo J. Corsaro	1998
Marguerite Elia	1998
Evelyn C. Gibbs	1998
Edith M. Michelson	1998
Augustine E. Rice	1998
Annette Campbell	1999
Hinda Paquette	1999
Carolyn L. Stanhope	1999
Bruce E. Jope	1998
Francis T. Toohey	1998

Wilmington Election Officers

Precinct 1	Annually
Mary D'Eon, Warden	"
Helen F. Sears, Dep. Warden	"
Sandra S. Volpe, Clerk	"
Phyllis M. Flaherty, Dep. Clk	"
Clarice J. Ross, Insp.	"
Carol Arena, Dep. Insp.	"
Joan Goulet, Dep. Insp.	"
Edith Ann Graham, Dep.Insp.	"
Heidi Sencabaugh, Dep. Insp.	"
Jenna Volpe, Dep. Insp.	"
Priscilla R. Ward, Dep. Insp.	"
Precinct 2	
Andrea Houser, Warden	"
Jeanne Buck, Dep. Warden	"
Henrietta I. Bonnell, Clerk	"
Helen DelTorto, Dep. Clerk	"
Eleanor Doyle, Inspector	"
Shirley Pumfrey, Dep. Insp.	"
Precinct 3	
Mary E. Woods, Warden	"
Loretta R. Caira, Dep. Warden	"
Ruth J. Bedell, Clerk	"
Minnie Kirby, Inspector	"
Norinne M. Markey, Insp.	"
Beverly Vokey, Inspector	"
Lorraine Hermann, Dep. Insp.	"

Precinct 4	Annually
Sarah H. Cosman, Warden	"
Joan Searfoss, Dep. Warden	"
Elizabeth L. Coville, Dep. Clk	"
Anita Backman, Dep. Insp.	"
Denise Kearns, Dep. Insp.	"
Marilyn West, Dep. Insp.	"
Dorothy L. Peters, Tally Clerk	"
Precinct 5	
Marlene Moran, Warden	"
Margaret Blonigen, Dep. Wdn	"
Judith A. Simmons, Dep. Clk	"
Sandra Curtin, Inspector	"
Veronica DiOrio, Dep. Insp.	"
Mary Husen, Dep. Inspector	"
Nancy Luciano, Dep. Insp.	"
Melissa Nobile, Dep. Insp.	"
Marion J. Woller, Dep. Insp.	"
Precinct 6	
Evelyn W. Conlin, Warden	"
Louise M. Wallent, Dep. Wdn	"
Jean M. Draper, Inspector	"
Marion C. Murphy, Inspector	"
Jane Finn, Dep. Insp.	"
Ada Peters, Dep. Insp.	"

Officers And Department Heads - January 1, 1998

Accountant	Michael Morris	694-2029
Administrative Assistant	Margaret A. Tarantino	658-3311
Animal Control/Inspector	Ellen G. Davis	658-7845
Assistant Town Manager	Jeffrey M. Hull	658-3311
Assessor, Principal	Humphrey J. Moynihan	658-3675
Constable	Charles L. Ellsworth	658-3078
Elderly Services Director	Theresa Marciello*	657-7595
Emergency Management Director	Daniel R. Stewart	658-3346
Fire Chief	Daniel R. Stewart	658-3346
Housing Authority Exec. Director	Karen DeJoie	658-8531
Inspector of Buildings	Daniel W. Paret	658-4531
Ipswich River Watershed Assoc.	John B. Keeley Herbert D. Nickerson	694-2024 658-4207
Librarian	Christina A. Stewart	658-2967
Mass. Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board	Michael V. McCoy	658-3311
Mass. Water Resource Authority Advisory Board Rep.	Michael J. Woods	658-4711
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	Lynn G. Duncan	658-8238
Northeast Solid Waste Committee	Michael A. Caira	658-3311
Planning/Conservation Director	Lynn G. Duncan	658-8238
Plumbing and Gas Inspector	William R. Harrison	658-4531
Police Chief	Bobby N. Stewart	658-5071
Public Buildings Superintendent	Roger J. Lessard	658-3017
Public Health Director	Gregory P. Erickson	658-4298
Public Health Nurse	Ann V. FitzGerald, R.N.	694-2041
Public Works Superintendent	Donald N. Onusseit, P.E.*	658-4481
Reading Municipal Light Dept. Advisory Board	Roger J. Lessard Kenneth Mastrullo	658-3017 658-5600
Recreation Director	Ronald N. Swasey	658-4270
Redevelopment Authority, Consultant	Michael N. Matt	657-5649
Sealer of Weights and Measures	James J. Babineau (781)	665-8301
Town Clerk	Kathleen M. Scanlon	658-2030
Town Counsel	Alan Altman	658-3388
Town Engineer	Harold R. Gillam, P.E.	658-4499
Town Manager	Michael A. Caira	658-3311
Treasurer/Collector	Stanley E. Smith	658-3531
Veterans' Agent/Grave Officer	Paul A. Farrell	694-2040
Water & Sewer Superintendent	Michael J. Woods	658-4711
Wiring Inspector	Arthur T. Kelley	658-4531

* Ms. Marciello appointed January 12, 1998 to replace Edith Cunningham who retired
* Mr. Onusseit appointed January 12, 1998 to replace Robert Palmer who retired

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Board of Selectmen (Meeting dates - 2nd & 4th Monday evening 7:00 p.m.)

The Board of Selectmen is recognized by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the Town's chief elected officials. The Board is responsible for appointing the Town Manager, the Board of Appeals, the Town Counsel and the Town Accountant. The Selectmen are also responsible for issuing numerous licenses including alcohol licenses, common victualer licenses and licenses to operate automobile dealerships. The Selectmen serve on a part-time basis. Phone 658-3311

Daniel C. Wandell, Chairman
Robert J. Cain
Michael V. McCoy
Michael J. Newhouse
James J. Rooney

Town Manager - Michael A. Caira - 658-3311

The Town Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town. He supervises and directs the administration of all departments, boards and commissions except for the Board of Selectmen, Town Moderator, Finance Committee, Schools, Board of Appeals, Election Officers and Registrars of Voters. His duties include the appointment and removal, if necessary, of staff and members of certain boards and commissions; attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Selectmen to advise and recommend specific courses of action regarding issues affecting the Town; representing the Town in all litigation to which the Town is a party; acting as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Town; preparation and administration of a comprehensive annual budget and directing the procurement of all goods and services on behalf of the Town.

Assistant Town Manager - Jeffrey M. Hull - 658-3311

The Assistant Town Manager is responsible for the Town's health, workmans compensation, general liability, property, automobile, etc. insurances; developing the Town's recycling program and insuring that the Town meets the procurement regulations established by the State. The Assistant Town Manager serves as staff director to the Cable TV Advisory Task Force; assists with the preparation of the annual budget and provides general assistance to the Town Manager in other areas of municipal administration.

Town Clerk - Kathleen M. Scanlon - 658-2030

State law assigns duties to the Town Clerk in three major areas, the keeping of records and documents, the issuance of licenses, and the administration of elections. In terms of the Town records the Clerk records proceedings of all town meetings and elections. The Town Clerk is Registrar of all vital statistics and Filing Officer for birth and death certificates, zoning decisions, etc. The Clerk's office also issues marriage licenses, fish and game licenses, dog licenses, etc. The Clerk acts as supervisor of all elections and serves as clerk of the Board of Registrars.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Town Accountant - Michael Morris - 658-2029

The Accounting Department reviews all requests for payment which involve Town funds. The department prepares warrants on a weekly basis for payment of all bills owed by the Town. The Accountant maintains the complete official financial records of the Town and prepares other financial records and reports as needed. Additionally, this office participates in the preparation of the annual budget.

Principal Assessor - Humphrey J. "Skip" Moynihan - 658-3675

The main responsibility of the Board of Assessors is to levy the property taxes necessary to meet appropriations and to insure that taxes are allocated equitably on the basis of the property owned by each taxpayer. The assessors are required to compute the tax rate and assess all real and personal property within the Town at fair-market value i.e. close to the true market value, except for property qualifying for preferential assessments such as forest, agricultural or recreation land. Tax rates depend on three factors: (1) the valuation of taxable property, (2) the tax levy or amount to be raised from property taxation and (3) property classification.

Treasurer/Collector - Stanley E. Smith - 658-3531

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for the billing and collection of monies due the Town including property and motor vehicle excise taxes and charges for water, sewer and ambulance services. This department is responsible for preparing the weekly payroll. The Treasurer/Collector monitors the Town's cash flow and arranges for short-term and long-term borrowing. The department serves as custodian of all Town funds. All municipal bank accounts are controlled by this office. The tax title and foreclosure proceedings for non-payment of taxes are handled by the Treasurer/Collector.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Planning/Conservation Director - Lynn G. Duncan - 658-8238

The major responsibilities of the Planning Department are to: undertake studies of land use, economic development, housing, transportation, and other matters related to community development; compile and maintain maps, statistics and records related to land use and development; review individual proposals for development and for compliance with the subdivision regulations and zoning by-law; and prepare applications and administer grants related to planning and development.

The primary function of the Conservation Department is the administration and enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Act Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40. The Act is intended to protect seven public interest issues related to wetlands: flood control, storm damage prevention, protection of public and private water supply, protection of ground water supply, prevention of pollution, protection of fisheries, and protection of land containing shellfish. Some of the department's responsibilities include reviewing and inspecting development projects to insure their compliance with the Town and State wetlands statutes. In addition the department manages several pieces of property throughout Town which have been placed into the Town's custody as conservation land.

Building Inspector - Daniel W. Paret - 658-4531

The Building Inspector interprets and enforces the Town's Zoning By-Law, the State Uniform Building Code and certain other State codes. This department provides assistance to the Zoning Board of Appeals, architects, engineers, contractors, and individual property owners in preparing zoning cases, plans and permit applications. The Building Inspector is responsible for plumbing, gas fitting and wiring inspections.

Director of Public Health - Gregory P. Erickson - 658-4298

The department provides two primary types of service. Inspectional services include restaurant, retail food stores, cafeterias in industrial buildings and schools, all mobile food trucks, ice cream trucks and caterers. In addition the department conducts percolation tests for the location of septic systems, septic system inspections, nuisance inspections and responds to citizens complaints regarding dumping, air pollution and noise pollution and hazardous waste spills. The department provides public nursing services. This includes an annual rabies clinic for dogs, and immunization for influenza, pneumonia, polio and various other diseases. The Town Nurse provides blood pressure and cholesterol screenings to Town residents. In addition the nurse provides home health care visits to elderly residents of the Town.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Chief - Daniel R. Stewart - 658-3346 -- Emergency Number - 9-1-1

The main responsibilities of the Wilmington Fire Department are prevention and extinguishing of fires. Members of the department make regular fire safety inspections of nursing homes, places of public assembly and schools. All outdoor burning is regulated by law. These permits may be obtained from the Fire Department. The department also issues permits for oil burner installations, the storage of flammable liquids such as gasoline and the purchase, storage and/or use of explosives such as dynamite, rockets and gun powder. The Fire Department provides emergency medical services to residents of Wilmington. Firefighters trained as Emergency Medical Technicians are assigned as ambulance attendants. Two ambulances provide emergency services and urgent patient transport.

Police Chief - Bobby N. Stewart - 658-5071 -- Emergency Number - 9-1-1

The principle responsibility of the Wilmington Police Department is the protection of people and property through enforcement of criminal laws and traffic regulations. The department also enforces certain local by-laws and provides public education such as the DARE program. Animal Control services are provided through this department.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent - Donald N. Onusseit - 658-4481 or 658-4484

The Public Works Department is responsible for highways, trees, parks, cemeteries, water, sewers, refuse and recycling. The Highway Division is responsible for the care and maintenance of the roads, sidewalks, parking areas, and traffic lights. The Engineering Division assists town departments, boards and commissions with engineering related projects, such as drainage

problems, review of subdivision plans and inspection of subdivision roadway construction. The Parks & Grounds Division is responsible for the maintenance of the Town's commons, parks and recreation areas. The Tree Division is responsible for the Town's public shade and ornamental trees and maintenance of the trees on the Town common. The Public Works Department is also responsible for the operation of the Town's water supply, distribution, treatment systems, septic pumping stations, the sanitary sewer collection systems and the septic disposal station. These responsibilities are assumed by the Water & Sewer Department. The Department operates two water treatment plants in accordance with regulations established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Federal Environmental Agency (EPA).

In addition, the Public Works Department operates a curbside recycling program for many household items, maintains a composting center for grass and leaf disposal and oversees a contract for residential solid waste collection.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

Superintendent - Roger J. Lessard - 658-3017 or 658-8124

The Public Buildings Department is responsible for approximately 516,000 square feet of building space. The department provides custodial services for all school buildings and most of the general government buildings. In addition to the custodial services, the department repairs and maintains all of the Town's municipal buildings. Public Buildings provides for the complete set-up at all Town elections and the annual and special town meetings.

HUMAN SERVICES

Elderly Services Director - Theresa Marciello - 657-7595

Programs are provided for the elderly in a wide range of areas, both on an individual and group basis. Examples of the types of programs include health information, educational classes, meals on wheels, recreational activities, housing assistance, transportation and counselling. Additional services included assistance with social security and medicaid concerns.

Library Director - Christina A. Stewart - 658-2967

Library services are provided at the Wilmington Memorial Library. The library seeks to provide basic educational, informational and recreational library services. Staff provides reference and reader services to adults and children, furnishing access to the wide spectrum of information available in books and other materials. Technical services utilizes the tools of library technology to provide the means for informational access and retrieval. The library is a member of the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium, a twenty-six member consortium of towns in the Merrimack Valley area. This membership allows library patrons to access library resources in each of the twenty-six member towns.

Recreation Director - Ronald N. Swasey - 658-4270

The Recreation Department provides a wide variety of leisure programs for children and adults. Some of the programs offered through this department include a summer swimming program for children, volleyball for adults, the Tiny Tots program, summer recreation program for children, ladies fitness, day trips to Provincetown and New York City, the Horribles Parade at Halloween and a number of other programs. In addition the Recreation Department offers resources for travel such as discounts to Walt Disney World.

Veterans Agent - Paul A. Farrell - 694-2040

The Veteran's Agent administers a State public assistance program for veterans and their dependents who qualify. Financial aid which, is reimbursed in a large part by the Commonwealth, is rendered in the form of cash grants to cover such items as living expenses and medical bills. The Veteran's Agent also offers assistance in applying for pensions and other programs administered by the United States Veterans Administration.

Baldwin Apple Monument on Chestnut Street.

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Commitments	
1998 Real Estate	$27,896,729.07
1998 Personal Property	990,783.50
1997 Excise	1,959,912.00
1996 Excise	67,092.15
Ambulance	251,245.50
Apportioned Street	2,321.57
Interest	866.34
Apportioned Sewer	30,308.20
Interest	19,920.47
Sewer Liens	28,401.31
Water Liens	150,558.59
Electric Liens	7,920.15
Total	$31,406,058.85

Collections	
Real Estate	$27,100,208.19
Personal Property	989,762.06
Excise	1,925,467.50
Water Betterments	1,586.14
Street Betterments	4,324.37
Sewer Betterments	45,178.38
Water Liens	102,700.16
Sewer Liens	26,424.43
Electric Liens	5,556.86
Interest and Charges	158,354.73
Ambulance	165,108.56
Lien Certificates	32,457.00
Betterment Certificates	198.00
Mark and Clear Fees	9,980.00
Water Department Collections	4,459,418.12
Total	$35,026,724.50

Town Manager Michael A. Caira presents retiring Finance Director Joseph R. Peters with a crystal Baldwin Apple.

Board of Assessors

RECAPITULATION - 1998 FISCAL YEAR

Total Appropriations (Taxation)	$36,417,796.00	
Total Appropriations (Available)	323,356.00	$36,741,152.00
Total Deficit	0	
Special Education	367.00	
Energy Conservation	0	
County Retirement Assessment	1,137,586.00	
County Tax	44,868.00	
Mass. Bay Transportation Authority	410,227.00	
Air Pollution Districts	5,368.00	
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	4,526.00	
Mosquito Control Project	27,274.00	
Amount Certified by Collector & Treasurer for Tax Title	20,000.00	
Overlay of Current Year	650,000.00	
Cherry Sheet Offsets	36,293.00	
M.W.R.A	1,312,165.00	
Final Court Judgements	0	
RMV Surcharge	10,380.00	3,659,054.00
		$40,400,206.00

Less Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

1998 Estimated Receipts from Local Aid	$5,403,731.00	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	1,578,083.18	
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	155,000.00	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	380,000.00	
Charges for Services - Sewer	1,650,434.00	
Other Charges for Services	180,000.00	
Fees	55,000.00	
Rentals	3,000.00	
Deferred Teachers Salary	319,582.00	
Departmental Revenue - Library	12,500.00	
Departmental Revenue - Cemetery	60,000.00	
Other Department Revenue	175,000.00	
Licenses and Permits	305,000.00	
Special Assessments	15,000.00	
Fines and Forfeits	115,000.00	
Investment Income	250,000.00	
Voted from Available Funds	855,363.00	$11,512,693.18

Real Estate

Residential	$1,090,221,800 @ 13.18 p/t	$14,369,123.32
Commercial	98,127,700 @ 29.08 p/t	2,853,553.52
Industrial	367,058,200 @ 29.08 p/t	10,674,052.46
Personal Property	34,070,960 @ 29.08 p/t	990,783.52
		$28,887,512.82

Town Clerk

Vital Statistics - Chapter 46, General Laws as amended:

Births - Actually recorded for 1997	322
Marriage Intentions recorded for 1997	112
Marriages recorded for 1997	109
Deaths recorded for 1997	245

Chapter 46, Section 15:

The Town Clerk will furnish to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital medical officers applying therefor, blanks for the return of births as required by law.

Chapter 207, Sections 19, 20 & 40:

Chapter 718, Acts of 1979 made changes to Sections 19 and 20 along with Section 40 and as stated before in each annual report anyone intending to marry should inquire of this office to see if any changes have been made in the laws as they are changing constantly.

Chapter 207, Section 45:

This chapter provides for the availability of marriage records.

Chapter 114, Sections 45, 46:

One hundred eighty-eight burial permits have been issued by the Town Clerk as Special Agent to the Board of Health for the year. Thirteen out-of-state deaths were reported and filed in this office. Twenty-three Wilmington veterans were buried in Wildwood Cemetery.

Flammable Permits and Registrations:

Flammable permits are issued by the Board of Selectmen through the Town Clerk's office. Notice is sent to the owner or occupant of land where the storage is located on or about April 1st for renewal by April 30th of each year. Failure to register on time or to comply with the Board's regulations may result in revocation of the permit after a public hearing. Seventy-one Flammable Permits were renewed and one new permit was issued during the year.

Permits & Recordings:

Uniform Commercial Code Recordings	530
Uniform Commercial Code Terminations	80
Business Certificates and Withdrawals	179
Federal Lien Recordings	21
Federal Lien Releases	16
Fish and Wildlife Licenses	533
Pole & Conduit Locations	20
Dog Licenses	1,145
Raffle and Bazaar Permits	6

Other Services:

By virtue of her office, the Town Clerk is clerk to the Board of Registrars. In this capacity, she has met with the Board of Registrars on a regular monthly meeting night, kept the minutes of same up to date, supervised all elections and the Annual Town Census by mail. The Town Clerk's office also maintains current voting lists and registers voters during regular office hours. She also meets with the Board for special evening sessions to register voters and to certify nomination papers for candidates.

Town Meetings & Elections 1997:

Annual Town Election	-	April 19
Annual Town Meeting	-	April 26
Special Town Meeting	-	November 17

Wilmington Memorial Library grounds on Church Street.

Board of Registrars

In accordance with Section 1, Chapter 3 of the Town By-laws, meetings of the Board of Registrars were held on the second Monday of each month for the registration of voters and to conduct business. Under Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1958, these meetings were open to the public and press, and were so posted in the Town Hall.

The Board held registration sessions as mandated by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 51, Sections 26, 28, 31 and 32, and supervised the conduct of elections, mandated by Chapter 54, Section 64, Chapter 53, Sections 43 & 63, all in accordance with the Town Charter and Inhabitant By-laws Revised of the Town of Wilmington.

The Board also met many times for certification of signatures on nomination papers and assisted at all elections and town meetings.

The Town Clerk attended most of the Town Clerk conferences in order to keep up to date with the changing election and census laws.

The calendar year of 1997 had a total of 13,284 registered voters from our listed 20,886 inhabitants.

The Board of Registrars wants to thank all citizens of the town who returned their census forms in 1997. A true census is an asset to the town.

Constable

During the year the following notices and warrants were posted by the Constable in each of the six (6) precincts.

Annual Town Meeting and Town Election	March 13, 1997
Special Town Meeting	November 3, 1997

Fire Department

It is with great pleasure that I submit the following annual report of the operations, activities and accomplishments of the Wilmington Fire Department for the year 1997.

The manual force consists of the Chief, Deputy Chief, five Lieutenants, twenty-eight fire fighters and two civilian dispatchers.

The following roster is provided:

Fire Chief

Daniel R. Stewart

Deputy Fire Chief

Walter J. Sowyrda

Lieutenants

Edward G. Bradbury, Jr.
Edmund J. Corcoran, III
John Brown, Jr.
Joseph T. McMahon
Paul Welch

Fire Fighters

Robert J. Andersen
Brian D. Anderson
George Anderson
David J. Currier
Walter R. Daley
Gary J. Donovan
George J. Driscoll
David R. Feyler
Linda S. Giles
Kenneth P. Gray
Richard J. Hughes
Daniel M. Hurley, Jr.
Andrew W. Leverone
Richard T. McClellan
John F. McDonough
Terry L. McKenna
Alfred W. Meuse
Christopher J. Nee
Robert E. Patrie, Jr.
Christopher G. Pozzi
Stephen D. Robbins
Gary P. Robichaud
Daniel J. Stygles
Charles R. Taylor, Jr.
Robert W. Varey, Jr.
Robert E. Vassallo, Jr.
David P. Woods
Robert J. Woods, Jr.

Dispatchers

Linda K. Abbott
Thomas W. Ceres

Fire Fighters David Woods and John McDonough train with Danvers Fire Captain Prendergast on the technique of cold water/ice rescue.

The department responded to a total of 2,385 calls during 1997.

Residential Buildings	11	False Alarms	201
Residential (Other)	6	Ambulance/Rescue	1,381
Commercial Structure	6	Service Calls	362
Commercial (Other)	1	Carbon Monoxide Detector	33
Haz Mat	1	Hazardous Materials	3
Chimney, Fireplaces & Woodburning Stoves	2		
Vehicles	51	Out of Town Assistance	129
Brush, Grass or Rubbish	65	Fire	51
Dumpster	4	Ambulance/Rescue	78

Estimated value of property endangered was $2,900,600
Estimated property loss $235,700

The following is a list of permits issued:

Black Powder	5	Propane	58
Blasting	26	Report	39
Class C Explosive	2	Smoke Detector	234
Fire Alarm	140	Tank	72
Flammable Liquid	10	Miscellaneous	2
Oil Burner	138	Sprinkler	64
Subpoena	1	Truck	1
		TOTAL	822

As required by law, inspections of all schools, public buildings, nursing homes and flammable storage facilities were completed by the Fire Prevention Bureau under the direction of Lt. Joseph McMahon. Other inspections listed below:

New Residential Plans Review	122
New Residential Fire Inspections	115
New Industrial Plans Review	55
Fire Inspection Industrial/Commercial	332
Underground Tank Removals	28
Underground Tank Installations	1
Oil Burner	142
Propane	58

Shift personnel inspected 195 residential properties for smoke detectors in compliance with M. G. L. Ch. 148, Sec. 26F.

School classroom Grades K-5 were visited by fire fighters and discussed various safety issues. Fire Fighter Robert Patrie instructed fire prevention at the Abundant Life School. Student Awareness of Fire Safety began this year as part of a state grant to make students aware of the health and safety hazards associated with smoking.

A new pumper was delivered this past year. The addition of Engine 2 completed the upgrade of our front line attack pumpers. A special thank you to Fire Fighter Robert Woods, Jr., for overseeing the design and construction of this custom piece of equipment.

Fire Alarm Superintendent Paul Welch reports the following for 1997. All circuits and master boxes were tested and repairs made as needed. New figure 8 cable was used to replace circuits 3 and 6 that ran between the fire station and the Route 129/Route 38 split on Main Street. Estimates on the cost of removing and replacing the fire alarm circuits on Main Street and the Route 62 bridge were completed. Both projects are slated to begin in 1998.

There are now 180 master boxes along with 17 street boxes for a total of 197 on line.

The following master boxes were added to the system in 1997:

1224	Wilmington Builders, 340 Main Street
1235	Car Mart, 275 Main Street (Front)
1236	Car Mart, 275 Main Street (Rear)
3168	Ray LePore Inc, 919 Main Street
5314	General Scanning, 60 Fordham Road
5513	Reading Co-Operative Bank, 352 Middlesex Ave
6577	Marshall Industries, 33 Upton Drive
6411	Advanced NMR, 46 Jonspin Road
6365	RPS Inc, 375 Ballardvale Street
6617	SSG Inc, 65 Jonspin Road

Department goals include design and construction of the recently approved public safety building and the continuation of planning for a sub-station in North Wilmington. As the town continues to grow, the Fire Department needs to expand proportionately in order to provide the best level of service to the residents of Wilmington.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Town Manager and his staff, Assistant Town Manager, Department Heads and staff, the Board of Selectmen and the many organizations for their assistance during the past year.

A very special thank you to the members of the Wilmington Fire Department for your support, participation and enthusiasm in providing a well rounded and highly professional level of public safety service to the Town of Wilmington.

Fire Fighters Chris Nee, Brian Anderson and Rick McClellan cook hot dogs for the students of the Boutwell School to celebrate "Opening Day at Fenway."

Police Department

In accordance with the By-laws of the Town of Wilmington, I hereby respectfully submit the annual report on the activities of the Wilmington Police Department for the year of 1997.

The enclosed statistical report represents the total for all crimes, complaints and incidents reported during the year 1997; and, for the most part the corresponding enforcement efforts of the Wilmington Police Department. During 1997 the total number of complaints and incidents reported to the Police Department increased significantly from 14,618 incidents in 1996 to 19,078 during 1997. While this would appear to be a 30% increase in the number of complaints and requests for services received, these are for the most part not actual increases, but are, in fact, the result of improved records keeping. During 1996 the Police Department increased its incident tracking capabilities with an upgraded Computer Aided Dispatch System. The E-911 recording equipment and database installed in December 1995 has also augmented the department's record keeping ability. The employment of three (3) civilian dispatchers in July 1996, made possible by a Federal Community Oriented Policing Grant, has provided for significantly improved data entry. Nineteen ninety-seven was the first complete year the dispatchers have been working. The department expects complaints and calls for service to level off during 1998. It is difficult to determine the exact changes in the number of incidents reported; however, there are some indicators which show an increase of approximately sixteen (16) percent. One such indicator is the number of complaints to which cruisers were dispatched. Cruisers were dispatched to 11,443 complaints during 1997, an increase of 1,556 over the dispatches for 1996. Several of the serious crime categories decreased during 1996. Breaking and entering into homes and buildings decreased by 24% from 107 incidents in 1996 to 81 during 1997. The number of armed robberies increased from 2 during 1996 to 4 during 1997. Totals for assaults and batteries decreased by 36% from 81 in 1996 to 52 in 1997. Motor vehicles stolen in Wilmington decreased by 32% from 60 in 1996 to 41 in 1997.

Motor vehicle accidents and traffic congestion continues to be a serious community problem. However, during 1997 the Police Department experienced a 13% decrease in the motor vehicle accident rate. In 1997 motor vehicle accidents decreased by 114 accidents from 865 accidents in 1996 to 751 during 1997. This decrease was to a large extent due to the increased enforcement efforts during 1997. The Police Department has for several years placed a high priority on the enforcement of motor vehicle violations. During 1997 the department cited 3,495 motor vehicle violations. This is an increase of 1,290 over the total violations cited during 1996. The following are the totals for some of the major areas of concern: Speeding violations 1,200, operators' license violations 198, unregistered and uninsured 137, and miscellaneous violations 1,423. Arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol decreased by 15 from 71 in 1996 to 56 in 1997.

Arrest for crimes other than motor vehicle offenses during 1997 totaled 380, an 8.4% decrease. The Police Department continues to place a high priority on alcohol and drug related offenses. During 1997, arrest for liquor law

violations decreased by 70 from 127 in 1996 to 57 in 1997; and there were a total of 18 narcotics arrests made during 1997. In addition to motor vehicle and other criminal arrests, the department placed a total of 159 persons under protective custody. A total of 659 persons were taken into custody by the Police Department during 1997.

In 1997 the department completed its third full year of the implementation of the Community Policing philosophy. While this is a long-term process and requires significant changes in attitudes and expectations by both the police officers and the community, we have made substantial progress. During 1997 the neighborhood officers responded and followed-up on several hundred problem solving assignments in their neighborhoods. In many of these cases, they were effective in eliminating the problems, and in doing so they have significantly reduced the number of repeat calls for those problems. In 1998 the department will increase the deployment of the officers into the neighborhoods, not only on problem solving assignments, but also at block parties or other neighborhood social events, in an effort to ensure that every resident has an opportunity to meet with their neighborhood officer. During 1997 all officers received additional training in problem solving techniques and in the use of bicycle patrols for special events and for directed enforcement efforts for chronic problems. In 1997 the department deployed bicycle patrols during the Fourth of July activities and throughout the summer in the Silver Lake area on weekends and holidays. The department believes that these patrols were very effective in reducing habitual problems in this area and has received numerous positive comments from residents. The department's third Citizen Police Academy was conducted during 1997 and was viewed a success by both the participants and the officer instructors.

In 1998 the department will continue and expand our proactive involvement in each of the neighborhoods. The department will be conducting two (2) Citizen Police Academies where residents will be provided insight into how the Police Department operates; department policy and procedures in areas of interest such as use of force, motor vehicle pursuits, citizen complaints, etc., the elements of crimes which must exist before an arrest or prosecution is made. Residents will also be provided information regarding the Police Department's goals and objectives. As part of our planning for the future, the Police Department, working closely with the Citizens Advisory Committee, will review the role of the professional police officer in today's society; the types of incidents which require a priority response and those which should be referred to the neighborhood officer and how the available resources of the department can be more effectively used to address the future problems of the community.

The following is a Departmental Roster of the Neighborhood Officers and their assignments.

Wilmington Police Department
Community Policing
Neighborhood Assignments

Supervisor Area 1 Sergeant James Rooney

IA. Officer Julie Lambert
1B. Officer David Bradbury
IC. Officer Paul Chalifour
1D. Officer Charles Fiore

Supervisor Area 2 Sergeant J. Christopher Neville

2A. Officer Paul Krzeminski
2B. Officer David Axelrod
2C. Officer Harold Hubby
2D. Officer Francis Hancock
2E. Officer Patrick Nally

Supervisor Area 3 Sergeant David McCue, Sr.

3A. Officer Joseph Desmond
3B. Officer Stephen Mauriello
3C. Officer David McCue, Jr.
3D. Officer Thomas McConologue

Supervisor Area 4 Sergeant Robert Richter

4A. Officer Paul Jepson
4B. Officer Brian Moon
4C. Officer Louis Martignetti
4D. Officer John Bossi

Supervisor Area 5 Sergeant W. Mark Jepson

5A. Officer Ronald Alpers
5B. Officer Steven LaRivee
5C. Officer Anthony Fiore
5D. Officer Jon Shepard

Business and Commercial Areas
Lieutenant Robert Spencer

Area 1: Det. Thomas Miller
Area 2: Det. David Sugrue
Area 3: Det. Patrick King
Area 4: Det. James White
Area 5: Det. Michael Begonis

Other members of the department include Deputy Chief Bernard Nally, Lieutenant Robert LaRivee, Sergeant William Gable, Patrolmen Chester Bruce, Joseph Harris, James Peterson and Robert Shelley, Police Clerk/Matrons Beth Lessard and Dawn Ganno and Dispatchers April Kingston, George O'Connell and Robyn L'Esperance.

The department makes note of personnel changes during 1997. Patrolman Joseph C. Waterhouse, a 25 year veteran of the Police Department passed away in October 1997. The passing of Officer Waterhouse has left a void not only in the department, but even more so in the hearts of his brother officers and all who knew him. Joe will be long remembered as a good police officer and as a friend. During 1997 three additional patrolmen were hired as a result of the

community being awarded a Federal Community Oriented Policing Grant. Patrolmen John Tully, Patrick Nally and Julie Lambert were appointed as full-time officers under this program. In December 1997 Patrolman Brian Pupa was appointed as full-time officer.

In closing this report I want to thank the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, all Boards and Committees and all Department Heads and employees for their support and cooperation during 1997.

A special note of thanks to the staff and members of the Wilmington Police Department, for without their support and continuing efforts none of our accomplishments could have been realized.

Wilmington Police Department leads the Memorial Day Parade.

Wilmington Police Department Statistics 1997

ARRESTS:	
Arson	0
Assault & Battery	28
Breaking & Entering	1
Disorderly	2
Gambling	0
Larceny	4
Larceny Motor Vehicle	3
Liquor Laws	57
Malicious Damage	1
Murder	0
Narcotics	18
Non Support	0
Rape	1
Receiving Stolen Property	0
Robbery	0
Sex Offenses	0
Juvenile	4
Other	262
TOTAL:	380

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY:	
Ages:	
11/12	0
13/14	3
15	3
16	8
17	9
TOTAL UNDER 18:	23
18	11
19	13
20	6
21	10
22	3
23	4
24	3
25/29	26
30/34	17
35/39	14
40/44	12
45/49	6
50/54	6
55/59	4
60 & Over	1
TOTAL OVER 18:	136
TOTAL PROTECTIVE CUSTODY:	159

SEX CRIMES:	
Rape	3
Indecent Exposure	16
Indecent A&B	5
Other	0
TOTAL SEX CRIMES:	24

MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS:	
Seat Belt	461
Using Without Authority	0
License Violations	198
Endangering	10
Leaving Scene Property Damage	10
Operating Under Influence	56
Unregistered/Uninsured	137
Speed	1,200
Other	1,423
TOTAL VIOLATIONS:	3,495

CITATIONS ISSUED:	
Warnings	1,601
Complaints	104
Non-Criminal	749
Arrests	120
TOTAL CITATIONS:	2,574

CRIMES REPORTED:	
Threats of Arson & Bombing	64
Assault & Battery:	
Firearm	1
Knife	0
Other Weapon	9
Aggravated-hand-foot	18
No Weapon	0
Simple Assault	24
TOTAL ASSAULTS	52

BREAKING & ENTERING:	
By Force	46
No Force	8
Attempted	27
TOTAL B&E:	81

ROBBERY:	
Firearm	1
Other Weapon	1
Strong Arm	2
TOTAL ROBBERIES:	4

LARCENIES:	
Pocket Picking	8
Purse Snatching	0
Shoplifting	5
From Motor Vehicle	101
M/V Parts & Accessories	14
Bikes	37
From Buildings	71
From Coin Machines	2
Other	88
TOTAL LARCENIES:	326

MOTOR VEHICLES STOLEN:	
Autos	35
Trucks & Buses	1
Other Vehicles	5
TOTAL M/V THEFT:	41

RECOVERED MOTOR VEHICLES:	
Stolen Wilmington and Recovered Wilmington	2
Stolen Wilmington and Recovered Out of Town	25
Stolen Out of Town and Recovered Wilmington	28
TOTAL RECOVERED:	55

INCIDENTS REPORTED:	
Alarms Responded to	1,960
Disturbances	1,077
Domestic Problems	204
Assist Other Agencies	420
Fires Responded to	85
Juvenile Complaints	129
Missing Persons Returned	23
Missing Persons/Still Missing	0
Prowlers Reported	250
Miscellaneous Complaints	13,562
M/V Accidents	751
Cruisers Dispatched	11,443
Suicides & Attempts	9
Sudden Deaths	16

OTHER DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS:	
Restraining Orders Served	104
Parking Tickets Issued	245
Firearms I.D. Issued	73
License To Carry Issued	232
Dealer Permits Issued	4
Reports to Insurance Company and Attorneys	479

Officers David Sugrue and James White, Community Policing Bike Patrol, during the Memorial Day Parade.

Animal Control Officer

Dogs Licensed	1,145
Complaints	881
Trips	881
Trip Hours	540
Animals Picked Up	69
Animals Returned to Owner	43
Animals Adopted	16
Animals Picked Up Dead	47
Animals Euthanized (this number reflects sick or injured wildlife also)	13
Animals Quarantined	17
Dog Days for Dogs in Pound	327
Barn Inspections	44
Fines Issued	$ 820
Total Working Hours	1,696

Each spring the Board of Health, with assistance from the Animal Control Officer, conducts a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats.

Inspector of Buildings

The office of the Inspector of Buildings is responsible for enforcing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts building, plumbing, gas and wiring codes, the Town of Wilmington Zoning By-law and for maintaining all related records. In addition, all administrative tasks for the Board of Appeals are handled by this office.

The Inspector of Buildings is Daniel Paret; the Plumbing and Gas Inspector is William Harrison; the Wiring Inspector is Arthur Kelley. Joan Goulet, Toni LaRivee and Wendy Martiniello make up the clerical staff, which is shared with the Board of Health.

It is our goal to help people understand the regulations enforced by the Inspector of Buildings, how best to comply with those regulations and to provide assistance to residents and others who have questions about homes and property in the town. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

	1995		1996		1997	
	No.	Valuation	No.	Valuation	No.	Valuation
Dwellings (Single Family)	122	$ 12,201,100	146	$ 11,092,714	116	10,141,850
Residential Garages	13	190,500	6	82,000	3	57,800
Additions & Alterations - Residential	235	2,426,679	226	3,205,246	258	3,429,536
	370	$ 14,818,279	378	$ 14,379,960	377	$13,629,186
Industrial Buildings	3	7,500,000	3	1,510,000	5	6,700,000
Utility Buildings		1,393,000	4	90,200	2	194,000
Additions & Alterations-	0					
(Non-residential)	77	8,423,342	72	7,635,356	67	13,866,604
Swimming Pools	42	196,653	39	162,899	33	111,597
Signs	16	35,950	25	64,050	16	39,645
Public Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multi Family Dwellings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheds and Barns	25	67,191	18	34,776	23	38,259
Wood Burning Stoves	7	14,698	11	11,621	20	24,931
	183	$ 17,630,834	172	$ 9,508,902	166	$ 20,975,036
		$ 32,449,113		$ 23,888,862		$ 34,581,882
Renewals	1	10,000	0	0	0	0
Demolitions	23	143,250	17	303,650	21	396,900
Fire Damage	2	156,000	0	0	0	0
Foundations	0	0	65	199,100	25	91,000
Temporary Trailers	2	0	0	0	0	0
	28	$ 309,250	82	$ 502,750	46	$ 487,900
TOTAL	581	$ 32,758,363	632	$ 24,391,612	589	$ 35,092,122

REPORT OF FEES RECEIVED AND
SUBMITTED TO TREASURER

Building Permits	581	156,706.00	632	134,424.75	589	186,214.75
Wiring Permits	562	36,773.66	656	38,908.25	638	32,846.00
Gas Permits	217	7,274.00	276	9,042.00	231	7,442.00
Plumbing Permits	304	12,491.00	338	12,240.00	333	12,020.00
Cert. of Inspection	17	713.00	37	1,741.00	6	263.00
Copies		44.80		249.20		702.35
Court		9.00		0		0
Industrial Elec. Permits	29	4,350.00	35	5,250.00	41	6,150.00
	1,710	$218,361.46	1,710	$201,855.20	1,838	$245,638.10

Wilmington continues to enjoy commercial and residential growth.

Planning and Conservation Department

The department continues to provide a high level of service to the community in the areas of planning, conservation, housing, transportation and other community development activities. The department provides staff support to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Housing Partnership. The Planning Board is responsible for administration of the Subdivision Control Act and Site Plan Review, recommendations on zoning amendments and specific planning studies. The Conservation Commission is responsible for wetlands protection in accordance with the State Wetlands Protection Act. The goal of the Housing Partnership is to provide affordable housing for Wilmington residents through local initiatives and partnerships with private developers. The activities of each board are described in more detail below.

Departmental goals are:

Goal 1: To provide technical assistance to the Planning Board through review of development plans, including coordination with developers and the Community Development Technical Review staff.

Goal 2: To provide technical assistance to the Conservation Commission in administration and enforcement of the State Wetlands Protection Act.

Goal 3: To provide assistance and information to residents.

Goal 4: To undertake strategic and comprehensive planning efforts.

Goal 5: To revise the zoning by-laws and zoning map to enhance the character of the town, while encouraging appropriate economic and residential development.

Goal 6: To revise the subdivision rules and regulations to improve the development review process and the quality of development.

Goal 7: To coordinate the implementation of the stream maintenance program with the Department of Public Works.

Goal 8: To encourage the donation of land for conservation purposes.

Goal 9: To develop local wetland protection bylaws.

Goal 10: To promote environmental awareness and education.

Goal 11: To provide technical assistance to the Housing Partnership, including initiation and implementation of affordable housing efforts, monitoring of on-going developments and review of projects sponsored by developers.

Goal 12: To develop and implement community development programs, including grant application preparation and oversight of grant programs.

Goal 13: To represent the Town of Wilmington on planning issues at various state and regional forums.

The Director of Planning & Conservation is Lynn Goonin Duncan. She staffs the Planning Board and Housing Partnership, and chairs the Community Development Technical Review Team. The Director also serves as the Fair Housing Coordinator, and the representative to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the North Suburban Planning Council (NSPC), acting as the liaison between the town and the state on transportation and planning issues.

John Keeley serves as Conservation Agent and provides technical assistance to the Conservation Commission and the department. Secretarial support is provided by Senior Clerks Linda Reed and Joann Roberto.

Community Development Program

In 1997 the Town of Wilmington continued its Community Development Block Grant Program funded through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Program components include a revolving loan program for Wilmington businesses and an employment assistance program for Wilmington residents. The program is under the jurisdiction of the Planning & Conservation Department.

The program offers below-market interest rate loans to manufacturing, retail, wholesale and service businesses for machinery and equipment, working capital, building improvements, purchase of inventory, fix up and similar projects. To qualify for a small business loan, the business must be located in the Town of Wilmington and either provide new jobs or retain current jobs for members of low and moderate income households. A microenterprise business, containing five or fewer employees, is eligible to receive a loan if the owner is a member of a low to moderate income household. In this case, no job creation is required.

BankBoston, Fleet, Lowell Five Cent Savings, MassBank and the Reading Cooperative Bank are active lending partners in the town's program. The town's loan dollars are able to serve more businesses with bank participation. The loan pool totaled in excess of $1,500,000.

As of the end of 1997, eight loans have been issued to Wilmington businesses, including Custom Stitch, Hinda-Jonathan Productions, Interlink Business Solutions, Inc., Ken's Cleaning Service, Keep It Clean, MVM Associates, R.P.M. Diesel & Marine and The Sewing Bird. To date seven jobs have been created, both full and part-time.

The employment assistance program offers a variety of services, including training grants and career assessments for unemployed and underemployed Wilmington residents who are members of low and moderate income households; individual career counseling for any resident of the town covering such topics as resumes, cover letters, interviews and training; and seminars and workshops which are also open to the Wilmington public. The program has assisted 126 residents, including financial assistance for 12 training grants and 3 career assessments.

The program is an exciting and innovative approach to help meet the needs of the town's residents and small businesses. The town's second grant for this program was awarded in January, 1998 after a competitive review process. Wilmington received an additional $382,000 to recapitalize the loan program and continue the employment assistance program. Program staff who are available to assist with information or questions are: Lynn Duncan, Director of Planning & Conservation and Cathy Beyer, Employment Counselor. The program is now located in Town Hall.

Special Projects

Lowell Street Plan:

MIT students prepared a preliminary plan for Lowell Street during the fall of 1997.

The goals of the study are to help define the character of the corridor, enhance the image and identity of the entire town, protect residential uses, and encourage business and retail land uses along Lowell Street.

Recommendations included a three point strategy:

- Make zoning changes to allow "Commercial Villages" and "Residential Villages." Commercial Villages would direct new commercial growth to designated growth areas at the intersections of Lowell Street with Route 38, Woburn Street and West Street only. For example, Burger King would be the terminus of commercial development at the West Street intersection, preventing additional commercial encroachment into residential areas. Residential Villages would allow traditional-type residential development of one to four family homes on current business zoned parcels to serve as buffers between commercial and existing residential development and to preserve existing homes and the residential character of the corridor.

- Utilize traffic calming techniques in the roadway reconstruction project to preserve the residential rural character, while maintaining the current level of vehicular service.

- Enact design guidelines to guide the "image" and quality of new development along the corridor which can be done with little or no increase in cost for developers.

The Planning Board will review the final Plan with an eye toward implementation. Copies will be available from the Planning & Conservation Department.

The catalyst for the study was the significant interest in rezoning of parcels along the Lowell Street corridor which had been proposed (and in one case, approved) on a piecemeal basis, one parcel at a time, over the last several years. At the Annual Town Meeting in 1995 voters voiced their opposition to any further rezonings along Lowell Street until an overall plan was completed for the corridor which would address such issues as traffic, character and quality of life.

Growth Planning:

In conjunction with funds appropriated at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting to undertake elements of a comprehensive plan, the town is pursuing an initiative with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Reading, North Reading and Burlington to address growth issues and the Ipswich River Watershed on a regional basis.

Planning Board

The level of permitting activity for definitive subdivisions decreased somewhat in 1997 as six definitive subdivision plans were submitted, representing a total of 24 lots, in comparison with seven definitive subdivision plans totaling 45 lots in 1996. However, the level of commercial and industrial activity was the greatest in the last seven years, as indicated by the number of site plan review applications for commercial and industrial projects.

Subdivisions under construction during the course of the year included Andover Heights, Avon Street Extension, Acorn Drive, Ashley Estates, Country Oaks, Blueberry Hill Estates, Evergreen Estates, Olmstead Avenue and Laurel Woods.

Streets accepted at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting were Castle Drive, Colonial Drive, Dogwood Lane, Meadow Lane, Nottingham Drive, Reading Avenue, Stonehedge Drive and Wedgewood Avenue.

The Planning Board members are appointed by the Town Manager for five year terms. Planning Board members serving full terms in 1997 were Carole Hamilton, Austin Rounds, James Diorio and Michael Roache. Karen Metcalfe resigned in September after several years of valuable service, and Scott Garrant was appointed to fill her seat.

Subdivision Control

Under the authority vested in the Planning Board of the Town of Wilmington by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81-Q, the Board reviewed and took action on the following subdivision plans:

Cherokee Estates — One of the town's many new subdivisions.

Subdivision	Number of Lots	Action
Mather, Walnut, Poplar, Polk Streets	3	Approved with conditions
Cherokee Estates II	11	Approved with conditions
Marion Estates IV	17	Approved with conditions
Laurel Woods	13	Approved with conditions
Tanner Road & Greenville Street	3	Denied with reasons
Morton Street	1	Approved with conditions
Upton Technology Park (Modification)	0	Approved with conditions
Denault South	3	Pending
Emerald Woods	7	Pending

Of the fifty-one (51) "Approval Not Required" (ANR) plans that were submitted, the Planning Board determined that forty-three (43) plans did not require approval under the Subdivision Control Law and were endorsed; five (5) plans were denied; three (3) were withdrawn; and one (1) took no action.

Site Plan Review

The Board reviewed and approved thirty-two (32) applications for site plan approval for commercial and industrial property.

Zoning

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, the Planning Board held required statutory public hearings on proposed amendments to the Zoning By-law and Map and submitted formal reports and recommendations to Town Meeting voters. Those recommendations are made part of the report of the Town Meetings included in this annual report.

Conservation Commission

The Commission had another busy year, reviewing 115 new wetland permit applications in 1997. Public hearings/meetings to review these applications totaled 227.

The primary responsibility of the Conservation Commission is the administration and enforcement of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M. G. L. Chapter 131, Section 40), which requires that all activity within the 100 foot buffer zone of wetlands be regulated by the local Conservation Commission. The Commonwealth in 1996 added the riverfront zone as a protected area, in addition to such areas as bordering vegetated wetland, land subject to flooding, water bodies (lakes, ponds, rivers & streams) and land under

Conservation Commission is working with the Commonwealth to preserve Maple Meadows.

water bodies. The riverfront zone extends 200 feet laterally from the bank of all perennial streams and rivers. In Wilmington, the riverfront zone protects the Ipswich River, Lubbers Brook, Maple Meadow Brook and possibly other streams. The interpretation and enforcement of the regulations for this new resource area required many Conservation Commission hours and site visits.

The stream cleaning program, which began in 1996, continued in the summer of 1997. The stream crew again removed tons of debris which clogged the town's waterways, polluting groundwater and causing flooding of residential properties. Particular attention was given to Lubbers Brook this year. The program is jointly administered by Conservation and the Department of Public Works.

The Town continues its efforts to clean the streams through its summer Stream Maintenance Program.

The Conservation Commission also co-sponsored a watershed cleanup organized by a new volunteer group called the Ipswich River Headwaters Stream Team.

A graduate student from Tufts University was hired as a summer intern to undertake the necessary inventory and prepare the framework for an Open Space & Recreation Plan. This effort was completed under the direction of John Keeley, Conservation Agent. It is anticipated that an Open Space & Recreation Committee will be established in 1998 to update the Town's 1987 Open Space & Recreation Plan.

Conservation Commissioners are appointed to three year terms by the Town Manager. Citizens serving on the Commission in 1997 were: James Morris (Chairman), Judith Waterhouse, Richard Patterson, Lisa Brothers, Barbara Sullivan, Jolene Lewis, Mark Brazell and Mickey Rooney. Barbara Sullivan stepped down in April after several years of service.

Any questions about wetlands, laws and regulations, or filing procedures are welcomed by John Keeley, Conservation Agent.

Statistical Data

Filing Fees Collected	$6,630.00
Notices of Intent Filed	32
Requests for Determinations of Applicability	83
Public Hearings/Meetings Held (including continuances)	227
Extension Permits Requested/Issued/Denied	8/7/1
Enforcement Orders Issued	1
Violation Notices Issued	6
Certificates of Compliance Requested/Issued	39/27
Decisions Appealed/Withdrawn	3/0
Order of Conditions Issued/Denied/Pending	29/3/2
Emergency Certifications Issued	10
Request for Insignificant Change/Approved	15/13
Negative Determinations/Positive/Withdrawn	64/12/2
Request for Amendments/Issued/Denied	11/8/0

Notices of Intent

DEP File #	APPLICANT	LOCATION	MAP/PARCEL	DECISION
344-521	Theodora Trust	West Street	71/16 & 18	Approved
344-565	Dan Brown	165 Chestnut Street	15/13 & 14	Denied
344-566	Sprint Spectrum	375 Ballardvale Street	R3/50B	Approved
344-567	Town of Wilmington	Cook Avenue	24/201	Approved
344-568	Carl Crupi	72 Butters Row	27/17	Approved
344-569	Jeanette Tighe	Chestnut Street	29/Pt 15 & 11Z	Denied
344-570	Eugene T. Sullivan	West Street	71/7 & 8	Approved
344-571	C.J. Patti	275 Main Street	43/4	Approved
344-572	Northeastern Developmemnt	Cherokee Estates II	85/16	Approved
344-573	PGA Realty Trust	Upton Drive	R1/18	Approved
344-574	PGA Realty Trust	26 & 30 Upton Drive	R1/18G & 18H	Approved
344-575	R.L. Allen	Tanner Road & Greenville	84/66 & 72	Denied
344-576	Ballardvale Housing Limited Partnership	Ballardvale Street	98/4	Approved
344-577	Paul Butt	4 Serenoa Lane	86/2A	Approved
344-578	Wakefield Ready Mix	600 Research Drive	R3/404	Approved
344-579	Craig Newhouse	8 Lexington Street	69/82 & 84	Approved
344-580	Town of Wilmington	Shawsheen Ave. Wellfield to Treatment Plant	Town Map	Approved
344-581	Joe Barry Oil	312 Main Street	42/25	Approved
344-582	Northeastern Development	Cherokee Estates Lots 5A, 6A, 7A & 8A	85/7C	Approved
344-583	Town of Wilmington	Adams Street	Map 50	Approved

344-584	James Andella	17 Seaford Street	62/8	Approved
344-585	H.B. Fuller Co. Inc.	820 Woburn Street	47/3	Approved
344-586	Joseph Langone	Cherokee Lane Lot 9A	85/7D	Approved
344-587	Jeanette Tighe	10 Chestnut Street	29/15D	Approved
344-588	Mark Bergeron	16 Aldrich Road	33/4	Approved
344-589	Mark Bergeron	18 Aldrich Road	33/4A	Approved
344-590	Town of Wilmington	401 Andover Street	R3/8	Approved
344-591	Teradyne Inc.	RiverPark Drive, N. Reading	85/1A & 1B	Approved
344-592	Robert Troy	Lot 3 Summer Street	84/pt of 89	Approved
344-593	Robert Allen	8 Veranda Avenue	45/43	Approved
344-594	Craig Newhouse	Denault Drive	47/19A	Approved
344-595	James Andella	6 Kidder Place	51/13	Approved
344-596	PGA Realty Trust	Upton Drive/Jonspin Road	R1/18	Pending
344-597	Carl Crupi	2 Elizabeth Drive	27/17M	Pending

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

During 1997 the Housing Partnership held two lotteries for affordable housing developments, witnessed the completion of the third affordable home on town-owned land and initiated a new program for first-time homebuyers.

A lottery was held for the final 18 affordable units at Shawsheen Commons in March 1997. Monitoring ensured that all 66 required affordable units were provided by the developer. A lottery was also held for the third affordable home on town-owned land, which was constructed by L. A. Associates and occupied by a Wilmington resident before the close of the year, completing a town-initiated affordable housing effort that began in 1992.

For the first time, the town received funding through the HOME program, a federally funded affordable housing program, as part of the North Shore HOME Consortium. Based on a recommendation of the Housing Partnership and approval by the Board of Selectmen, the funds will be used for a first-time homebuyer program.

General guidelines are as follows:

- Applicants must be first time homebuyers - a first time homebuyer is defined as an individual or an individual and his or her spouse who have not owned a home during a three year period preceding the date of the application.

- Applicants must be income eligible in order to qualify for assistance. Households are eligible for first time homebuyer assistance if they earn less than 80% of area median income at the time of application. Income limits are as follows:

Household Size	Maximum Income
1 person	$30,450
2 person	$34,800
3 person	$39,150
4 person	$43,500
5 person	$47,000
6 person	$50,450

- Applicants must use the property as their principal residence. Temporary sub-leases of the property are not allowed.

- The maximum loan amount is 5% of the purchase price of the home or $6,500, whichever is less.

- The homebuyer must provide matching funds. Matching funds may include closing costs (i.e. points, attorney's fee, appraisal).

- The loan is in the form of a 0% interest deferred payment loan. The loan is paid in full when the home is sold. The loan is not assumable. Monthly payments are not required.

  The property must meet federal housing quality standards either at the time of purchase or within a specific period of time after purchase.

- The property purchased cannot exceed the following values:

One family	$160,950
Two family	$205,591
Three family	$248,887
Four family	$309,337

The town administered a similar program in 1993-94 through the state-funded Small Cities Program, assisting seven households to purchase homes in town.

Approximately $30,000 is allocated annually for this program, subject to continued federal appropriation and Wilmington's eligibility to participate in the program.

The Partnership also reviewed amendments to the Saddle Oak Estates development and the Planning & Conservation Department coordinated the town's review of the Environmental Impact Report for Avalon Oaks, a mixed-income rental development in North Wilmington.

Housing Partnership members are Chairman Mark Haldane, Vice Chairman Raymond Forest, Charles Boyle, Gregory Erickson, Carole Hamilton, Lillian Hupper, Alfred Meegan, Daniel Paret, Jr., Rev. Herbert Taylor, Daniel Wandell and Lester White. The Partnership meets the second Thursday of each month and welcomes interested residents to attend.

Accepted Streets

STREET	LOCATION	LENGTH	DATE(S) ACCEPTED		
Adams Street	from Middlesex Avenue to Parker Street	2,915	1908		
Adelaide Street	from Church Street to Middlesex Avenue	666	1976		
Agostino Drive	from Gandalf Way	1,579	1979	1996	
Aldrich Road	from Shawsheen Avenue to Billerica Line	6,740	1894		
Allgrove Lane	from Woburn Street	900	1993	1996	
Allenhurst Way	from Woburn Street	1,161	1994		
Allen Park Drive	from Fairmont Avenue to Fairmont Avenue	2,319	1971	1984	
Amherst Road	from Shawsheen Ave to end of cul-de-sac	1,500	1996		
Andover Street	from Salem Street	180	1894		
Andover Street	from Andover Line to beyond Woburn Street	11,300	1894	1970	
Andrew Street	from Aldrich Road to beyond Houghton Road	435	1985		
Anthony Avenue	from Salem Street to Catherine Avenue	300	1966		
Apollo Drive	from Charlotte Road to Draper Drive	300	1971		
Appletree Lane	from Chestnut Street to Towpath Drive	994	1990		
Arlene Avenue	from Salem Street to Ella Avenue	3,754	1966	1978	
Auburn Avenue	from Shawsheen Avenue	755	1945		
Ayotte Street	from Westdale Avenue to Crest Avenue	240	1947		
Baker Street	from Brand Avenue to beyond Phillips Ave.	684	1945		
Baland Road	from Ballardvale Street	540	1972		
Ballardvale St.	from Salem Street to Route 125	965	1894		
Ballardvale St.	from Route 125 to Andover Line	12,000	1894	1985	
Bancroft Street	from Liberty Street	400	1952		
Barbara Avenue	from Anthony Avenue to Dorothy Avenue	850	1966		
Beacon Street	from Church Street to Belmont Avenue	970	1915		
Beech Street	from Burlington Avenue to Byron Street	1,005	1947		
Beeching Avenue	from Cunningham Street to Faulkner Ave.	440	1959		
Belmont Avenue	from Columbia Street to State Street	980	1933		
Benson Road	from Radcliff Road to Tewksbury Line	616	1971		
Biggar Avenue	from Salem Street to Ring Avenue	1,282	1975		
Birchwood Road	from Shady Lane Drive	1,197	1952		
Birchwood Road	from Judith Road	400	1953		
Blanchard Road	from Kendall Road	625	1989		
Boutwell Street	from Burlington Avenue to Aldrich Road	4,144	1894	1960	1971
Brand Avenue	from Bridge Lane	510	1933	1943	
Brand Avenue	from Baker Street to beyond Wisser Street	950	1933	1943	
Brattle Street	from Massachusetts Avenue to Garden Ave.	1,066	1945		
Brentwood Avenue	from Woburn Street to Woodside Avenue	1,017	1938		
Bridge Lane	from Shawsheen Avenue	455	1894		
Bridge Lane	from Main Street to beyond Brand Avenue	754	1894		
Broad Street	from King Street	1,377	1954		
Burlington Avenue	from Main Street to Burlington Line	8,588	1894		
Burnap Street	from Grove Avenue	1,145	1953		
Burnap Street	from Winchell Road	484	1945		
Burt Road	from Cedar Street to beyond Water Street	1,653	1945	1946	
Butters Row	from Main Street to Chestnut Street	3,577	1894		
Buzzell Drive	from Draper Drive to Evans Drive	600	1971		
Canal Street	from Shawsheen Avenue to Burt Road	1,505	1939	1955	
Carolyn Road	from North Street to Marcia Road	1,268	1960	1971	
Carson Avenue	from Marie Drive to beyond Hathaway Road	1,017	1961		
Carter Lane	from Shawsheen Ave to beyond Norfolk Ave.	1,411	1957		
Castle Drive	from Burlington Ave left.to Burlington Ave	1,325	1997		

Catherine Avenue	from Anthony Avenue to Arlene Avenue	1,000	1966		
Cedar Street	from Burt Road to Harris Street	687	1945		
Cedar Crest Road	from Pinewood Road to Judith Road	1,100	1963		
Central Street	from Church Street to Middlesex Avenue	552	1950		
Chandler Road	from Adams Street to Kelley Road	400	1957		
Chapman Avenue	from Hathaway Road to Sheridan Road	1,575	1951	1971	
Charlotte Road	from Gunderson Rd. to beyond Apollo Dr.	859	1971		
Chase Road	from Hathaway Road	297	1953		
Chestnut Street	from Burlington Avenue to Woburn Line	11,480	1894		
Church Street	from Main Street to Middlesex Avenue	4,285	1894		
Clark Street	from Main Street to Church Street	2,470	1894	1969	
Clorinda Road	from Agostino Drive	887	1979		
Colonial Drive	from Middlesex Avenue thru cul-de-sac	375	1997		
Cochrane Road	from Forest Street to Wabash Road	800	1947		
Columbia Street	from Church St. to beyond Belmont Avenue	1,150	1908	1933	
Concord Street	from Federal Street to North Reading Line	5,803	1894		
Congress Street	from Forest Street to Burlington Line	977	1939		
Cook Avenue	from Main Street	813	1946		
Coolidge Road	from Hathaway Road	270	1951		
Corey Avenue	from Canal Street to Grand Street	366	1951		
Cornell Place	from Fordham Road	747	1982		
Cottage Street	from Main Street	927	1954		
Crest Avenue	from Ayotte Street	558	1947		
Cross Street	from Main Street to Lowell Street	697	1894		
Crystal Road	from Woburn Street to end of cul-de-sac	895	1996		
Cunningham St.	from Salem Street to Beeching Ave	2,447	1944	1952	1953
Cushing Drive	from Shawsheen Avenue	990	1993		
Cypress Street	from Glen Road	260	1951		
Dadant Drive	from North Street to North Street	1,760	1964		
Davis Road	from Main Street	500	1952		
Dayton Road	from Hathaway Road	170	1951		
Dell Drive	from Burlington Avenue	1,794	1958	1971	
Dexter Street	from Main Street	480	1979		
Dobson Street	from Glen Road to beyond Garden Avenue	1,402	1954		
Dogwood Lane	from Blueberry Lane to Ashwood Avenue	550	1997		
Dorchester Street	from Billerica Line	1,214	1951		
Dorothy Avenue	from Arlene Avenue to Barbara Avenue	1,490	1960		
Douglas Avenue	from Palmer Way	1,017	1989		
Draper Drive	from Gunderson Road to Evans Drive	1,560	1959	1971	
Drury Lane	from Glen Road to School Street	633	1963		
Dublin Avenue	from Main Street	500	1951		
Dunton Road	from Nassau Avenue	649	1956		
Eames Street	from Main Street to Woburn Street	3,200	1894		
Earles Row	from Route 62	820	1994		
Edward Road	from Forest Street to beyond Baldwin Rd.	450	1947		
Ella Avenue	from Arlene Avenue to Arlene Avenue	1,043	1978		
Elwood Road	from Forest Street	642	1968		
Emerson Street	from Faulkner Avenue to Oakwood Road	590	1951		
Englewood Drive	from Kenwood Drive	455	1971		
Evans Drive	from Gunderson Road to Draper Drive	2,071	1971		
Everett Avenue	from Faulkner Avenue to Cunningham St.	480	1979		

STREET	LOCATION	LENGTH	DATE(S) ACCEPTED		
Fairfield Road	from Main Street	1,299	1946		
Fairmeadow Road	from Nichols Street to Nichols Street	2,328	1958		
Fairmont Avenue	from Molloy Road	952	1971		
Fairview Avenue	from State Street	648	1933		
Faneuil Drive	from Massachusetts Avenue to beyond Harvard Avenue	790	1950		
Faulkner Avenue	from Glen Road to Jacobs Street	1,946	1944	1953	
Fay Street	from Glen Road to Garden Avenue	714	1938	1945	
Federal Street	from Middlesex Avenue to Woburn Street	5,740	1894		
Ferguson Road	from Shawsheen Avenue	1,073	1967		
Fernbanks Road	from Mill Road to end of cul-de-sac	550	1996		
Flagstaff Road	from Nichols Street	587	1989		
Fletcher Lane	from Kilmarnock Street to Morgan Road	792	1977		
Floradale Avenue	from Burlington Avenue	627	1970		
Flynn Way	from Federal Street to end of cul-de-sac	680	1996		
Fordham Road	from North Reading Line	3,714	1971		
Forest Street	from Burlington Avenue to Aldrich Road	4,100	1894	1976	
Fox Run Drive	from High Street	975	1989		
Franklin Avenue	from Arlene Avenue to Arlene Avenue	739	1978		
Frederick Drive	from Salem Street	1,070	1966		
Freeport Drive	from Park Street to Lucaya Circle	2,086	1979		
Gandalf Way	from Glen Road to Agostino Drive	549	1979		
Gatehouse Lane	from Towpath Road	380	1994		
Gearty Street	from Ring Avenue	627	1989		
Glen Road	from Middlesex Avenue to Main Street	6,870	1894		
Glendale Circle	from Glen Road to Lawrence Street	1,304	1952		
Glenview Road	from Suncrest Avenue	365	1959		
Gloria Way	from Broad Street	770	1989		
Gowing Road	from Park Street to Marcus Road	941	1956		
Grace Drive	from Shawsheen Ave. to beyond Melody Lane	2,514	1966		
Grand Avenue	from Corey Avenue	815	1952		
Grant Street	from Federal Street	780	1943		
Great Neck Drive	from Woburn Street	536	1989		
Grove Avenue	from Main Street to Lake Street	4,147	1910		
Grove Street	from Reading Line	120	1957		
Gunderson Road	from Marie Drive to beyond Evans Drive	1,506	1959	1966	
Hamlin Lane	from Lawrence Street	540	1962		
Hanover Street	from Atlantic Avenue	574	1988		
Hanson Road	from Woodland Road	838	1969		
Hardin Street	from Aldrich Road to Jaquith Road	428	1951		
Harnden Street	from Main Street to Glen Road	600	1895		
Harold Avenue	from Shawsheen Avenue to Reed Street	1,312	1971		
Harris Street	from Burlington Avenue to Cedar Street	806	1945		
Harvard Avenue	from Main Street to River Street	430	1951		
Hathaway Road	from Woburn Street to Evans Drive	3,270	1951	1953	1959
Hawthorne Road	from Woburn Street	230	1956		
Heather Drive	from Freeport Drive to North Reading Line	1,286	1979		
Henry L. Drive	from Woburn Street	651	1993		
High Street	from Middlesex Avenue to Woburn Street	3,585	1894		
Hillside Way	from Chestnut Street to Burlington Line	2,230	1914		
Hilltop Road	from Suncrest Avenue	364	1959		
Hobson Avenue	from Pine Avenue to beyond Wisser Street	1,560	1945	1951	1952
Hopkins Street	from Shawsheen Avenue to Billerica Line	3,051	1894	1972	1975
Houghton Road	from Kendall Street to Andrew Street	1,702	1985		

STREET	LOCATION	LENGTH	DATE(S) ACCEPTED		
Industrial Way	from Woburn Street to West Street	4,430	1974		
Jaquith Road	from Shawsheen Avenue	1,398	1938	1949	1951
Jere Road	from Fairmeadow Road to Fairmeadow Road	1,248	1968		
Jewel Drive	from Eames Street	1,303	1985		
Jones Avenue	from Glen Road	717	1940		
Jonspin Road	from Andover Street	3,800	1993		
Judith Road	from Cedar Crest Road to Birchwood Road	400	1953		
Kajin Way	from Woburn Street	455	1989		
Kelley Road	from Chandler Road	923	1957		
Kendall Street	from Aldrich Road to Blanchard Road	1,420	1945		
Kenwood Avenue	from Woburn St. to beyond Englewood Dr.	1,725	1970	1971	
Kiernan Avenue	from Lowell Street to beyond Naples Road	693	1958		
Kilmarnock Street	from West Street to beyond Morgan Road	1,840	1894		
King Street	from Glen Road to Broad Street	2,400	1940	1945	
King Street Ext.	from Glen Road	487	1979		
Kirk Street	from Main Street	575	1951		
Lake Street	from Main Street to Shawsheen Avenue	3,855	1894		
Lang Street	from Bancroft Street	409	1952		
Laurel Avenue	from Parker Street to Molloy Road	659	1950		
Lawrence Court	from Lawrence Street	728	1956		
Lawrence Street	from Glen Road to Shady Lane Drive	4,013	1956		
Ledgewood Road	from Suncrest Avenue	383	1959		
Lexington Street	from Cunningham Street to Morningside Dr.	714	1974		
Liberty Street	from Federal Street	740	1943		
Lincoln Street	from Federal Street	720	1943		
Linda Road	from High Street to beyond Pineridge Road	1,760	1950		
Lloyd Road	from Main Street	1,050	1951		
Lockwood Road	from Ballardvale Street	977	1957		
Longview Road	from Middlesex Avenue	650	1959		
Lorin Drive	from Swain Road	560	1992		
Loumac Road	from Drury Lane	510	1963		
Lowell Street	from Main Street to Reading Line	10,152	1894	1978	
Lowell St. Park	from Lowell Street	580	1908	1957	1958
Lucaya Circle	from Heather Drive to Freeport Drive	2,469	1979		
Mackey Road	from Federal Street	250	1943		
Magazine Road	from Wisser Street	320	1973		
Magazine Street	from Taplin Avenue	190	1973		
Main Street	from Tewksbury Line to Woburn Line	21,387	1894		
Marcia Road	from North Street to beyond Carolyn Rd.	2,806	1962	1971	
Marcus Road	from Gowing Road	2,315	1958		
Marie Drive	from Woburn St. to beyond Gunderson Road	1,525	1961	1966	
Marion Street	from Burlington Avenue to beyond Clifton Street	1,876	1945		
Marion Street	from Marion St. westerly to Marion St.	975	1995		
Marjorie Road	from Main Street	1,392	1951		
Massachusetts Ave.	from Main Street to beyond Brattle St.	810	1945		
McDonald Road	from Salem Street	2,621	1944		
Meadow Lane	from Suncrest Avenue	479	1957	1997	
Melody Lane	from Shawsheen Avenue to Grace Drive	245	1966		
Middlesex Avenue	from Main Street to Salem Street	12,140	1894		
Miles Street	from Main Street to Hobson Avenue	380	1945		

STREET	LOCATION	LENGTH	DATE(S) ACCEPTED
Miller Road	from Glen Road	638	1945
Moore Street	from Shawsheen Avenue to beyond Wedgewood Avenue	1,528	1967
Morgan Road	from Kilmarnock Street	653	1977
Morningside Drive	from Lexington Street to Fairfield Road	693	1974
Morse Avenue	from Woburn Street to beyond Lawn Street	1,360	1939
Mystic Avenue	from Middlesex Avenue	1,298	1908 1988
Nassau Avenue	from Shawsheen Avenue to Dunton Road	1,566	1946
Nathan Road	from Senpek Road	1,057	1971
Nichols Street	from Shawsheen Avenue to Billerica Line	3,801	1894
Nickerson Avenue	from West Street	953	1947
Norfolk Avenue	from Carter Lane to Nassau Avenue	537	1954
North Street	from Middlesex Avenue to Marcia Road	3,515	1945
No. Washington Avenue	from Agostino Drive	858	1979
Nottingham Drive	from Stonehedge Drive thru cul-de-sac	480	1997
Nunn Road	from Kelley Road	214	1965
Oak Street	from Salem Street	355	1951
Oakdale Road	from Short Street to Judith Road	2,301	1950
Oakridge Circle	from Gowing Road to Gowing Road	1,730	1958
Oakwood Road	from Main Street to beyond Emerson Street	800	1946
Olson Street	from Church Street	122	1957
Oxbow Drive	from Woburn Street	1,751	1994
Palmer Way	from Middlesex Avenue	1,437	1989
Park Street	from Woburn Street to No. Reading Line	4,180	1895
Parker Street	from Lowell Street to Blackstone Street	2,000	1919
Patches Pond Lane	from Chestnut Street to a dead end	1,185	1990
Patricia Circle	from Dell Drive	595	1958
Pershing Street	from Federal Street	720	1943
Phillips Avenue	from Wild Ave. to beyond Baker Street	1,519	1946 1954 1981
Pilcher Drive	from the end of Gearty Street	410	1989
Pilling Road	from Hathaway Road	954	1959
Pine Avenue	from Main Street to Hobson Avenue	380	1945
Pineridge Road	from North St. to Linda Road	914	1960
Pineview Road	from Cobalt Street to Adelman Road	450	1953
Pinewood Road	from Shady Lane Drive to Oakdale Road	1,364	1954
Pleasant Road	from Middlesex Avenue to Linda Road	750	1962
Powder House Circle	from Middlesex Avenue	710	1954
Presidential Dr.	from Boutwell Street	826	1977
Progress Way	from Industrial Way	630	1974
Quail Run	from Woburn Street	500	1992
Radcliff Road	from South Street to Benson Road	355	1971
Railroad Avenue	from Clark Street	650	1909
Reading Avenue	from Oakwood Road	215	1979
Reading Avenue	from Faulkner Ave Northwestly to dead-end	160	1997
Redwood Terrace	from Kenwood Avenue	645	1970
Reed Street	from Shawsheen Ave. to beyond Harold Ave.	1,090	1971
Research Drive	from Ballardvale Street	1,817	1989
Richmond Street	from Main Street to Shawsheen Avenue	1,800	1973

STREET	LOCATION	LENGTH	DATE(S) ACCEPTED	
Ridge Road	from Suncrest Avenue	365	1956	
Ring Avenue	from Salem Street to Biggar Avenue	1,150	1975	
River Street	from Massachusetts Avenue to Harvard Ave.	453	1962	
Roberts Road	from Burlington Ave. to Burlington Ave.	1,861	1967	
Rollins Road	from Marion Street to Fenway Street	200	1954	
Roosevelt Road	from Boutwell Street to Swain Road	1,980	1946	
Route 62	from Middlesex Avenue to Salem Street	3,343	1958	
Royal Street	from Salem Street	1,043	1951	
Salem Street	from Tewksbury Line to beyond Ballardvale Street	8,895	1894	
Salem Street	from North Reading Line to beyond Woburn Street	6,475	1894	
Sarafina's Way	from Hopkins St.southerly through cul-de-sac	450	1995	
Scaltrito Drive	from Salem Street	785	1974	
School Street	from Middlesex Ave. to beyond Drury Lane	1,139	1915	1963
Senpek Road	from Wildwood Street to Nathan Road	280	1971	
Sewell Road	from Hathaway Road	300	1955	
Shady Lane Drive	from Middlesex Ave. to Lawrence Street	2,904	1950	1958
Shawsheen Avenue	from beyond Richmond Street to Billerica Line	11,845	1894	
Sherburn Place	from Shawsheen Avenue	723	1975	
Sheridan Road	from Woburn Street to Hathaway Road	1,021	1951	1971
Sherwood Road	from Forest Street to Cochrane Road	445	1971	
Silver Lake Ave.	from Lake Street to Dexter Street	455	1954	
Sparhawk Drive	from Park Street to Heather Drive	361	1979	
Sprucewood Road	from Shady Lane Drive	690	1952	
State Street	from Belmont Ave. to Fairview Ave.	315	1933	
Stonehedge Drive	from Castle Dr. Northerly thru cul-de-sac	1,400	1997	
Strout Avenue	from Lowell Street	908	1955	
Suncrest Avenue	from West Street to Ledgewood Road	1,246	1954	
Swain Road	from Burlington Avenue to Forest Street	2,290	1922	1929
Taft Road	from Boutwell Street to Swain Road	1,986	1938	
Taplin Avenue	from Wisser Street	461	1946	
Taplin Avenue	from Baker Street	900	1946	
Temple Street	from Church Street	214	1911	
Thrush Road	from Salem Street to Marie Drive	400	1961	
Thurston Avenue	from Church Street to beyond Kidder Place	623	1907	
Tomahawk Drive	from Aldrich Road	575	1989	
Towpath Drive	from Towpath Drive to a dead end	463	1990	
Towpath Drive	from Chestnut Street to Towpath Drive	914	1990	
Towpath Drive	from Towpath Drive	870	1993	
Towpath Drive	from Towpath Drive to Butters Row	886	1996	
Tracy Circle	from Woburn Street	675	1992	
Truman Road	from Hathaway Road	300	1953	
Unnamed Street	from Salem Street to Andover Street	470	1958	
Upton Court	from Andover Street	500	1894	
Valyn Lane	from Salem Street	608	1989	
Veranda Avenue	from Main Street	847	1916	
Virginia Road	from No. Reading Line to No. Reading Line	1,105	1954	

STREET	LOCATION	LENGTH	DATE(S) ACCEPTED	
Walker Street	from Main Street	423	1958	
Warren Road	from Wightman Road to Tewksbury Line	97	1954	
Washington Avenue	from Clark Street to Stone Street	1,650	1920	
Webber Street	from Burlington Avenue	677	1969	
Wedgewood Avenue	from Moore Street	551	1967	1997
West Street	from Woburn Street to Reading Line	8,372	1894	1978
Westdale Avenue	from West Street	1,211	1942	
Wicks Circle	from Everett Avenue	533	1971	
Wightman Road	from Warren Road to Tewksbury Line	239	1954	
Wild Avenue	from Grove Avenue	1,050	1910	
Wildwood Street	from Middlesex Avenue to Woburn Street	5,290	1894	
Williams Avenue	from Main Street	706	1940	
Wilson Street	from Federal Street	760	1943	
Wilton Drive	from Shawsheen Avenue	1,151	1966	
Winchell Road	from Grove Avenue to Burnap Street	193	1945	
Wing Road	from Woburn Street	746	1958	
Wisser Street	from Main Street to Brand Avenue	1,146	1950	
Woburn Street	from Andover Street to Woburn Line	23,122	1894	1978
Woodland Road	from Lowell Street	1,174	1969	

DPW crews work constantly to keep Wilmington's streets clean.

UNACCEPTED WAYS COMMITTEE

Establishment of the Committee on Unaccepted Ways was authorized by vote of the Annual Town Meeting in April 1994. The Committee was appointed thereafter by the Town Manager and Selectmen and began active meetings in the fall of 1995. The Committee's charge, to address the Town of Wilmington's "problem of unaccepted ways."

The Committee embarked on a standard process of open meetings to discuss the issues associated with unaccepted ways, to identify the problems, and to recommend solutions.

Issues

The Committee found out early on, the problem of unaccepted ways in the Town of Wilmington means different things to different people. For instance, some of the issues identified and discussed included:

- Residents look to the town for repair or reconstruction of streets that were not constructed properly or those that after many years have deteriorated to a poor condition of mud and ruts in the winter and spring and dust and ruts in the summer. If the way is not accepted, the repair cannot be made.
- New residents to the town request sidewalks on their streets for the safety of their children, only to find out that the street is not an accepted way and the improvement cannot be made.
- Tax equity, residents on all of these streets pay the same tax rate as residents on accepted ways.
- There is an expectation on the part of many that the town, by allowing building and development to occur, should also be responsible for the construction of appropriate infra-structure.

Options Explored

As the Committee progressed through the issues, several options were investigated for potential programs of construction, reconstruction and acceptance of the current unaccepted ways. Programs considered ranged from a full townwide Capital Program of roadway improvements to a minimal "accept as is" approach. As each program possibility was explored, input from the town officials was requested and added to the discussion of appropriateness and feasibility. Requirements for street acceptance and layout, costs for engineering design and survey, and the ability of the town to expend public funds for the various program options were considered.

Inventory of Streets

As part of the Committee's work, all unaccepted ways in the town have been identified, inventoried and assessed for general condition by the office of the Town Engineer.

As expected, the condition of the unaccepted ways were found to vary widely, from "good" condition requiring no improvement to "poor" condition, unconstructed dirt roads. In some cases, unaccepted ways were found to be in condition equal to or better than that of existing public ways.

Standards

Standards, defining the acceptable existing condition of a roadway and/or construction or repairs which would be required to allow for acceptance were discussed and adopted. The Committee consensus was to recommend the use of the "Planning Board Guidelines for the Development of Paper Streets" as the standard. This allows for streets to be constructed or improved to a standard less stringent than that required by the Planning Board Rules and Regulations for new subdivision streets, which often would be unfeasible for unaccepted ways, due to the limited right of way and multiple property ownership. However, this standard will specify and require the quality of construction to be appropriate for a way of the town and thus protect the town's interest by limiting the potential of premature failure and early maintenance costs.

Budgetary Costs

The office of the Town Engineer developed budgetary cost estimates for the construction and survey costs which would be associated with the improvements and acceptance of the currently unaccepted ways in town. Survey and research for the layout plans for the 200+/-unaccepted ways in town is estimated to cost in the range of $650,000 to $800,000 (approximately $7 to $8 per linear foot). The construction cost will vary substantially depending on the conditions encountered when more detailed investigations are performed and the extent of the improvements which are determined to be necessary for acceptance as a town way. The cost for the construction could range between $4 million and $8 million. The low end being for construction of a minimum standard width pavement only and the higher end including sidewalks, berms etc. It must be stated that these are very preliminary amounts and presented to establish an order of magnitude cost for the street improvements and acceptance.

Benefits of Acceptance

Based on our review and discussions, and with input from the town departments, the Committee on Unaccepted Ways believes that there is a basic general benefit to the town to be gained through the acceptance of currently unaccepted ways. It is the consensus of this Committee that acceptance of currently unaccepted ways in the town, through a program of improvement, upgrade and reconstruction to the minimum established standard, will enhance the overall quality of the community. Therefore, the Committee has recommended that the town adopt a program encouraging acceptance of all streets and that the town participate in the cost of the needed improvements, repairs and engineering required to accomplish the acceptance.

Available Program Methods

As a result of the Committee's meetings with the Town Manager, Town Counsel and Town Accountant, it was determined that the town is somewhat limited in its ability to expend public funds on unaccepted ways. In fact, the only avenue believed to be available for addressing the costs associated with the needed engineering, research, survey and improvements to allow for acceptance of the ways is the Betterments Program. The Betterments Program is a State program which allows for the expenditure of public funds to the extent of the General Benefit to the town provided by the betterment, in this case roadway improvements. This is the same program available and used for sewer improvements. This program has also been used in the past by residents for roadway improvements, however, to date, there has been no participation by the town in the roadway projects.

Town Participation

In consideration of the Committee's finding that acceptance of the currently unaccepted ways will provide a basic general benefit to the town, the Committee recommends that town participation in the roadway betterment program be established as not less than 10%. Town participation above this established minimum will be determined by the Board of Selectmen on a case by case basis depending on the actual circumstances for each street. The Committee recommends that the Community Development Technical Review Team provide the Town Manager with the recommendations for percent of town participation.

Streets Constructed Through Official Map Variance

Streets constructed through the now discontinued Official Map Variance process of the Zoning Board of Appeals posed a significant concern to the Committee. In fact, we believe the impetus for formation of the Committee on Unaccepted Ways may have been the Buckingham Road construction and residents' concerns with the quality of that construction and lack of street acceptance.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for special consideration and expedient acceptance of these streets which were constructed through an official town process, provided that the streets meet the following criteria: (1) are in "good" condition; (2) have a minimum pavement width of 20 feet; and (3) have a right-of-way width of not less than 40 feet. Acceptance of these streets "as is" is recommended. Even with this approach, there will be costs associated with the acceptance. These costs include the survey, and title research required to prepare a street layout plan suitable for recording at the Registry of Deeds. The process for acceptance will also be through the Betterments Program.

Future Unaccepted Ways

Lastly, the Committee was also asked to explore how the future proliferation of unaccepted ways could be avoided. This subject is one which has many facets. Over the past several years, the town has taken steps clarifying the issue with the focus for all new roadway construction in the town being channeled through the Planning Board. Continued cooperation by all town boards and departments will be required.

Summary

In summary the conclusions of the Committee on Unaccepted Ways are:

- As the Town of Wilmington continues to grow and develop, the perception of Wilmington as a rural community will diminish and the residents' expectation of town backed and maintained infrastructure will continue to increase.
- The town has a high percentage of unaccepted ways for a suburban community.
- Upgrade, improvement and acceptance of these currently unaccepted ways will improve the town's image and benefit the town overall.
- The town should establish a town participatory Betterments program for the acceptance of currently unaccepted ways. Town participation to be at least ten (10) percent of the cost. Higher percentage town participation will be determined on a case by case basis based on the General Benefit to the town from the improvement.
- Community Development Technical Review Team or some other appointed board will make recommendations as to the general benefit.
- The town needs to develop a public information campaign to advise residents of the program and encourage participation.
- Special consideration for acceptance of streets constructed through the official map variance process is warranted.

The Committee's formal recommendations are as follows:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Program - It is the recommendation of the Committee on Unaccepted Ways that the Town of Wilmington should establish a specific program of roadway betterments through the provisions of MGL Ch 80, for the acceptance of currently unaccepted ways.

2. Town Participation - The Town of Wilmington to participate in the cost of required improvements to the extent attributable to the general benefit to the town. Costs will include engineering costs and construction costs.

3. Minimum Town Participation - The Town of Wilmington, in consideration of the basic general benefit of accepted ways, will participate a minimum of 10% in the betterment of any currently unaccepted street or way, petitioned for acceptance by the abutters.

4. Determination of Actual Participation - Actual percentage of Town participation, at or over the minimum, will be recommended by the Town Manager through the Community Development Technical Review Team (and consultation with the DPW, Planning Board, Town Engineer and other departments as deemed appropriate) to the Board of Selectmen. In no case will town participation be less than 10%. The balance of the cost (actual cost minus town share) to be borne by the abutters through the betterment program. The Committee adopted the following guidelines to determine the percentage of town participation: town participation will

be higher for streets providing access to other neighborhoods or public facilities, and at a lower percentage to dead-end streets. The Committee does not foresee a circumstance where town participation would be in excess of 50%.

5. Costs - Costs included in the program include all engineering, surveys, property research for preparation of layout plans, and the cost of construction.

6. Required Improvements - Determination of improvements required for acceptance of any street will be made on a case by case basis, by the Community Development Technical Review Team. Planning Board Guidelines for Development of Paper Streets are to be used as a guideline for the roadway improvements needed.

7. Streets Constructed by Official Map Variance - In that the streets constructed by the official map variance process were constructed through an established and since discontinued town process (Board of Appeals), the Committee on Unaccepted Ways further recommends that special consideration should be given to the acceptance of these streets. Streets constructed by the Official Map Variance process and determined by the Department of the Town Engineer,

   - to be in "good" condition,
   - having a minimum pavement width of 20 feet, and
   - a right of way width of not less than 40 feet,

   shall be considered for acceptance as a public way without need of further improvement. Only streets so constructed prior to January 1, 1996, shall be so considered. Cost of the engineering associated with the acceptance of these streets will be the responsibility of the abutters. These costs will be eligible for the proposed program. Streets constructed by the Official Map Variance process but not meeting all of the above criteria shall be considered for program inclusion through the same process as any other unaccepted way.

8. Abutter Participation Requirements - Unanimous participation of all abutters, specifically (a grant of easement or transfer of land) for the right of way, is required for a street to be considered for acceptance through this program, including streets constructed through the Official Map Variance process. Specifically, a grant of easement or transfer of land will be required as determined by Town Counsel.

9. Method of Construction Contract - The town will determine, on a case by case basis, how the improvements will be undertaken, through public bid contracts and/or use of town labor forces and equipment.

10. Cost Efficiency - To the extent fiscally and logistically feasible in a given year, the town through its Engineering and DPW departments will work with the abutters to minimize the costs of the improvements.

11. Bylaw Amendment - To amend the Zoning Bylaw of the town by deleting Section 8.3.4 which describes the jurisdiction of the Board of Appeals and includes the following provision: "To hear and decide applications for a permit in accordance with the Official Map of the Town of Wilmington."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - THE COMMITTEE

The committee was comprised of nine residents, the Town Engineer, Assistant Town Engineer, Director of the DPW and the Planning Director/Coordinator.

Michael Roache, Chairman; Walter Kaminski*, Vice Chairman; Randi Holland, Cheryl Dunn, Martha Stevenson, Vincent Scifo, Richard Capone, Silverius Blonigen and William Hooper.
*Retired from the Committee

Harold Gillam, Town Engineer; Robert Palmer, Director of DPW and Lynn Duncan, Planning Director (Comm. Clerk)

Selectmen Representative - Robert Cain

Andrew Kuchinsky, Assistant Town Engineer, served as staff to the Committee.

MIDDLESEX CANAL COMMISSION

The Middlesex Canal Association had a busy year. Our 216 dues paying members were called upon to participate in a variety of functions.

We held our annual Spring Walk in Wilmington, starting in the Town Park. The date was changed this year (later) to coincide with National Trails Day on June 7. Our Fall Walk was held in Billerica starting at the Mill Pond and crossing the deep cut (the largest earth removal venture along the entire 27 mile route). These walks are always informative and lively.

On May 4 we invited Lance Metz from the National Canal Museum in Easton, Pennsylvania to talk about Towpath Canals in the United States. This was followed by a slide show on the new Canal Museum. We lent to his museum for five years one of our two shovels used in the construction of the Middlesex Canal.

The Middlesex Canal was constructed over a ten-year period (1793-1803). We decided at the bicentennial to have ten special programs to commemorate this endeavor. David Dettinger of Winchester spoke on September 27 about James Sullivan and his importance to the building of the Canal. This was followed by a motor boat tour of the Pawtucket Canal in Lowell. We traveled through the lock and saw where the Middlesex Canal entered the Merrimac River. It was a bright and clear day and a good time was had by all.

Two books have been published. Dr. Carl Seaberg completed "The Incredible Ditch." It contains new pictures and insights into the building of the Canal.

In 1942 Lewis H. Lawrence wrote a thesis called the "Middlesex Canal." It was never published but was of such high quality that we felt it should be made more available. Using new computer techniques, we now have this for sale too.

Two editions of "Towpath Topics" were published and distributed to all members. This is our magazine produced by Martha Hazen of Belmont.

Only portions of the Middlesex Canal are on the National Registry. Bruce McHenry of Belmont has been working to include the entire route. This has necessitated a GIS (Geographic Information System) survey which will allow us to know all property lots and boundaries along the entire Canal. Slater Anderson, Manager of the GIS Laboratory at the Metropolitan Planning Council in Boston has been working with us.

We have attended or participated in a number of meetings:

1. Olin Chemical Company on the impact of their chemical spill on the Canal - none so far.

2. Engineers Weston & Sampson concerning the placement of a bypass water main to the Butter's Row Water Treatment Plant which will pass through the Canal. We asked that the pipe be placed below the bottom of the Canal and the Canal restored to its original appearance.

3. Engineers Belanger & Foley who will be placing an additional Colonial Gas line along Butter's Row. It will pass through the Canal but will be dug in the tarmac thereby not disturbing the Canal bed.

The Middlesex Canal Association has been working closely with the Middlesex Canal Commission, a State appointed board. This board has been extremely active in applying for grants to restore parts of the Canal for public use. We are applying for grants for $3.5 million from ISTEA (Internodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991). This money comes from a percentage of all highway funds used to enhance other transportation area such as railroads, lighthouses and canals. Tom Raphael of Winchester is President of this Board. Last year $100,000 was awarded to the Town of Billerica. This year we are requesting in excess of $500,000 for use along the entire canal. Wilmington will indeed be very active once those funds are appropriated.

We are an active group and always welcome new members to the Middlesex Canal Association.

Redevelopment Authority

During 1997, the Wilmington Redevelopment Authority received approval from the Massachusetts Highway Department for the final engineering plans for the construction of the Route 38 roadway and sewer projects. At a meeting of the Wilmington Conservation Commission, it was discovered that the roadway surface drainage portion of the plans was not satisfactory and that a new set of drainage plans would have to be prepared and approved prior to advertising the project for construction.

Close cooperation between the town departments and the Authority produced an alternative plan which was approved by the Conservation Commission at the close of 1997.

The revised project will be advertised for construction during the summer of 1998.

In addition to current projects, the Wilmington Redevelopment Authority has provided the Town of Wilmington with continuing benefits from its investment in the Jewel Drive Industrial Park for the past 20+ years. At the end of 1997, there were nine businesses operating in Jewel Park employing a total of 975 workers. Based upon Fiscal Year 1997 data provided by the Assessor's Office, the total assessed value of the park was $13,803,200.00 and the annual tax revenue to the Town of Wilmington totaled $391,139.16.

In 1997 Mr. Paul Logan was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. John Ritchie. The current officers of the Authority are as follows: Charles Gilbert, Chairman; Patricia F. Duggan, Vice Chairman; John H. Creeth, Treasurer; Paul Logan, Assistant Treasurer and Mark Zinan, Secretary.

CABLE T.V. ADVISORY TASK FORCE

The Task Force presented the Board of Selectmen with the terms and condition for the renewal of the cable license between the town and MediaOne (formerly Continental Cablevision). Selectmen approved the renewal license which became effective March 24, 1997 and will continue in effect for 10 years.

The issuance of a license to provide cable service is unlike other public procurement of goods and service. While the license to provide cable is nonexclusive, there is a legal obligation to work with the existing cable provider for the renewal of their license. In most instances, the town is required to prepare specifications, receive sealed proposals from interested vendors and select the vendor who is qualified to provide the goods or services and proposes to do so at the lowest price.

Cable service is governed by state and federal law. The existing cable provider, MediaOne, had the right to receive a new cable license unless the town could make a compelling legal case that the company did not meet any one of four specific standards. After reviewing those standards, both the Task Force and legal counsel concluded that MediaOne substantially met the legal standards. As a result, the issue at hand was not soliciting proposals from all interested cable service providers but instead negotiating the best arrangement with MediaOne for the license renewal.

Federal statute prohibits the license issuing authority from negotiating with cable providers over the two issues most important to cable subscribers: (1) the type of programming to be offered; and (2) the price for cable services.

In spite of these limitations, the Cable T.V. Advisory Task Force obtained MediaOne's agreement on several key issues:

- ◊ Maintenance of a customer service office in Wilmington for the first 5 years of the license for purposes of bill payment, equipment exchange and customer inquiries. For the second 5 years of the license, MediaOne shall be obligated, at a minimum, to provide the means for equipment replacement/exchange to occur locally.

- ◊ Standards for telephone access to customer service representatives and the provision of an answering service to receive inquiries after business hours.

- ◊ Requirement that MediaOne continue to earmark 5% of its gross annual revenues to WCTV for the provision of local access programming.

- ◊ Local access payments totaling $210,000 to enable WCTV to purchase new equipment and defray the cost of relocating to a new facility.

- ◊ Construction of a 550 MHz institutional network connected to all municipal buildings. The network will enable town departments in different locations to transmit data between computers.

Following the award of the cable renewal license, the Task Force was reorganized by the Board of Selectmen. The size of the committee has been reduced to five members, including the Assistant Town Manager, the Executive Director of WCTV, the Director of Administration and Finance from the School Department and two residents.

Board of Health

The Board of Health consists of three members appointed by the Town Manager for three year terms. The office of the Board of Health is located in the Town Hall in Room #5 and the Public Health Nurse's office is located off the foyer of the Town Hall. Serving on the Board in 1997 were Chairman James Ficociello, D.D.S., Milton Calder, Sr., Mr. Stephen Peterson served on the Board until he was appointed to the School Committee. Mr. James Mahoney was appointed to fill that position. The Director of Public Health is Gregory Erickson, R.S., C.H.O. The Health Inspector is Ms. Shelly DelGenio, C.E.H.T., and the Public Health Nurse is Ann FitzGerald, R.N. The Animal Inspector is Ellen Davis. The secretarial staff (which is shared with the Inspector of Buildings and Board of Appeals) consists of Joan Goulet, Toni LaRivee and Wendy Martiniello.

Field inspections included restaurants, retail food stores, cafeterias in industrial buildings and in the schools, mobile food trucks, ice cream trucks, the Fourth of July activities, caterers, the Farm Stand and other temporary food stands such as at athletic events. Other duties are percolation tests, soil evaluations, subsurface sewage disposal inspections, nuisance complaints, hazardous waste spills, leaking underground storage tanks, housing inspections, lead paint determinations, smoking and tobacco law enforcement, lake water quality sampling and other miscellaneous inspections.

The administrative duties of the office include the licensing and the enforcement of many of the above items, including issuing permits, enforcement orders, issuing citations, holding hearings, attending meetings and court actions. Other administrative duties include the creation of health or risk prevention programs and distributing information on various health issues.

The Board of Health was awarded a grant of $22,064 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the continuation of the Tobacco Control Program. This program employs a part-time director and clerk and has as its goal the reduction of tobacco use in the Town of Wilmington by 50% by the year 1999.

Our radon detection and survey program continues to provide low cost radon kits for the public as a result of an ongoing two year contract wherein residents of the Town of Wilmington have been able to purchase radon detection test kits (2 tests per kit) for $17.00 at the office of the Board of Health and receive important information for the reduction of radon and the associated risk of lung cancer by the radiation effects of radon gas.

A total of 349 animals were vaccinated at the annual rabies clinic for dogs and cats during Rabies Awareness Week in May.

The Public Health Nurse and Linda Kanter, R.N., Tobacco Control Program Director, co-sponsored a town-wide health fair in September with Sun Care Corporation (Wilmington Woods Nursing Home) and Cooperative Elder Service Incorporated. The nurse participated in Expo 1997, three senior health events at Deming Way, assisted in skin and prostate screenings hosted at Winchester Hospital Family Medical Center. She was a panelist on two programs "To Your Health" video series, children's health needs and adolescent health issues relating to sexually transmitted diseases, primarily Hepatitis B and AIDS (HIV). Co-sponsors of the series are WCTV, Winchester Hospital, Wilmington Round Table and Wilmington Board of Health.

The pediatric program with Wilmington Pediatrics, which provides information on insurance for children, free immunizations and lead testing, remains in effect. Adolescent Hepatitis B immunizations were given to juniors and seniors at Wilmington High School. Seniors also received T.D., Mantoux and M.M.R. immunizations. Medicare B insurance reimbursed the Board of Health for flu and pneumonia vaccines received by seniors 65 and older. There were three confirmed cases of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) at the middle schools. There was no other significant communicable disease outbreak. Dog bites remain a problem.

The public health nurse continues to participate in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Community Health Network #15 whose goal is to increase the public awareness on the devastating social, economic, emotional issues of domestic violence. The network provided a grant to Wilmington High School for performance of "The Yellow Dress" a program addressing teen dating violence. The nurse attended a conference for health professionals related to community issues on domestic violence. Other workshops attended include cardiovascular health, depressions in elderly and immunization issues. In July the DT60 Analyzer was replaced by Cholestech L.D.X. System used for high density and total cholesterol and glucose screening. Forty-seven participants were screened in 1997.

A. Communicable Disease Control:

1.	Immunizations administered	77
	Office-Flu vaccinations administered	248
	Home-Flu vaccinations administered	37
	Clinic-Flu vaccinations administered	891
	Pneumovax administered	48
	Hepatitis B vaccinations administered	648
	Fees Collected (Medicare B)	$1,782.24
	Flu distributed	600
2.	Communicable Diseases Reported	66
	Home Visits	0
3.	Tuberculosis Cases	0
	Office Visits	106
	Home Visits	1

B. Public Health Nursing:

1.	Premature births/Newborn Report	0
2.	Morbidity-V.N.A. Calls/Office Visits	16
3.	General Health Supervision/Home Visits	146
	Office Visits (injections, weights)	93
	Telephone/Health Conference Call	164
4.	Hypertension Screening-Office Visits	360
5.	Diabetic Screening-Office Visits	28
	Fees Collected	$28.00
6.	Skin Screening	28
	Hearing and Vision	7
	Blood Pressure	79
	Mantoux	50
7.	Senior Counseling/Drop-In Center	
	Number of Sessions	46
	Hypertension Screening	840
	Diabetic Screening	30
	General Health (injections)	6
	Deming Way - Hypertension Screening	86
	Fees Collected	$30.00
8.	Blood Lead Testing	5
9.	Blood Analyzer Testing Clients	47
	Total number of tests	101
	Fees Collected	$346.00
10.	Meetings	61

11.	Vaccine Distribution	77
12.	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	$2,186.24

C. Environmental Health:

1.	Transport/Haulers	$4,600.00
	Stables	640.00
	Miscellaneous permits	2,190.00
	Percolation testing	10,100.00
	Sewage system permit	21,600.00
	Food establishment permits	7,955.00
	Installers permits	3,300.00
	Sub-Divisions reviews	700.00
	Massage Therapy/Funeral Directors	700.00
	Copies	23.80
	Court witness fees	0
	Nurse's total fee's collected	2,186.24
	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	$53,995.04
2.	Meetings Attended	103
3.	Disposal Works Construction Inspections	291
4.	No. of Septic Plans Reviewed/NEW	72
5.	No. of Septic Plans Reviewed/REPAIRS	132
6.	Food Establishment Inspections	
	Food Service Inspection	61
	Retail Food	30
	Residential Kitchen	1
	Mobile Food	8
7.	Food Establishment Re-Inspections	
	Food Service	24
	Retail Food	11
	Residential Kitchen	0
	Mobile Food	0
8.	Nuisance Complaint Inspections	34
9.	Nuisance Complaint Re-Inspections	26
10.	Housing Inspections	7
11.	Housing Re-Inspections	7
12.	Percolation Tests	212
13.	Court Appearances	5

14.	Hazardous Waste Investigations	0
15.	Camp Inspections	1
16.	Miscellaneous Inspections	52
17.	Lead Inspections	0
18.	Tobacco Control Program Inspections	65
19.	Title 5 Inspection Reports Received	189

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Wilmington Housing Authority, organized in 1951, operates under the provisions of Chapter 121B of Massachusetts General Laws, Section VIII, 24CFR (Code of Federal Regulations); Chapter 30B of the State Procurement Law and State and Federal Code of Ethics. All state and federal programs are audited on an annual basis. A five-member Board of Commissioners, consisting of four elected and one state appointed member, oversees the Authority's policies and procedures. The Executive Director is charged with the administration of these procedures.

The Authority, originally consisting of 40 units of housing, is now providing affordable housing for 72 seniors and 13 units of affordable family housing. As always, the Authority gives first preference for housing to Wilmington residents. The Authority also services the Federal Section 8 Certificate Program.

The senior citizen population of 60 years of age and over is the fastest growing population today and this poses a problem in providing enough housing for those seniors in failing health who cannot live totally independently, but who should not be placed in a nursing home. The Wilmington Housing Authority's tenants, in conjunction with Minuteman Home Care, receive home care and other social services in an effort to assist them to live independently. However, more is needed and another program currently being pursued by the Authority is housing for frail elders, which would provide housing, meals, medical care and other services, while allowing seniors to maintain private quarters.

There were numerous vacancies in 1997 for the Senior Housing Development. However, there were no vacancies in the low income properties and they are currently 100% leased. New hot water tanks and boilers were installed for our seniors at Deming Way and Deming Way extension. In 1997, in conjunction with Colonial Gas Company's Small/Medium Commercial and Industrial Partners in Energy Efficiency Program, new high efficiency boilers were installed for the seniors at Deming Way.

The Share Program was instituted in 1993 and since that time has doubled in size. A great deal of thanks to Dot Butler, Grace Rosa and Anna Stanley, the organizers of this program and to the many seniors and other community activists who make this program work.

The Wilmington Housing Authority and its Board of Commissioners would like to express our appreciation to the Wilmington Fire Department and Police Department for responding promptly in the many life threatening situations that we unfortunately have. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Wilmington Department of Public Works for their assistance in keeping our roads clear during the inclement weather. Also to Michael Caira, Town Manager and all the town employees who bring a better quality of living to all our tenants.

BOARD MEMBERS	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Lillian Hupper, Chairman	April 2000
Charles Fiore, Jr., Vice Chairman	April 1998
Dorothy Butler, Treasurer	April 1998
Robert DiPasquale, Vice Treasurer/State Appointee	March 1998
Melvin Keough, Secretary	April 2001

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans' Services is governed by the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 115, as amended, with strict compliance to this chapter, the rules and policies of which govern the disbursement of aid.

Benefits are for the needy veteran and his immediate family who have been subject to unforeseen needs. Final approval of benefits comes from the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Boston, MA.

Total expended for aid to veterans and their families for the entire year was $12,340. The balance of the first six months of 1997 from previous appropriations was $660; total available funds beginning on July 1, 1997 was $13,000.

Additional benefits expended by the Veterans' Affairs Administration directly to the veteran population in Wilmington was $1,245,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, which represents the amount of tax dollars not required to be expended for those who because of circumstances find it necessary to apply for aid.

TOWN COUNSEL

On January 1, 1997, there were pending the following actions by or against the town (exclusive of actions in which the Town was merely summoned as trustee, and in which it had no interest, and of tax lien foreclosure proceedings in the Land Court and petitions for abatement before the Appellate Tax Board*).

Fosters Pond Improvement Association, Inc. et al v. Aldo Caira, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #78-4771 (action in the nature of certiorari re decision of Board of Selectmen granting earth removal permit)

Town of Wilmington v. Robert Corey, aka, et al, Middlesex Superior Court (complaint alleging violation of Town Zoning By-Law and Inland Wetland Act)

Dianna Holmes, et al v. Town of Wilmington, Suffolk Superior Court #54601 (complaint for discrimination in violation of Chapter 151B)

Ruth E. Marranzini, et al v. Bruce MacDonald, et al, Middlesex Superior Court (appeal from the decision of the Board of Appeals)

William Baldwin, ppa, et al v. Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court #85-676 (claim for personal injury)

Ralph Fiore Bus Service, Inc. v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #85-3048 (complaint under Mass. Antitrust Act, G.L.c.93)

Joyce Corey v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #86-146W (claim for violation of civil rights and injunctive relief)

James Bruce, Administrator, et al v. Clifford A. Singelais, et al Middlesex Superior Court #87-0838 (third party tort action for claim of negligence)

Michelle A. Carbone, ppa, et al v. William Clifford, Administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Clifford v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court (action for wrongful death pursuant to G.L.c.229, s.2 and third party claim G.L.c.231B)

Charles Sullivan v. Bruce MacDonald, et al, Land Court (transferred from Middlesex Superior Court/appeal from decision of Board of Appeals)

Max Johnson v. Bruce MacDonald, et al, Land Court (transferred from Middlesex Superior Court/appeal from decision of Board of Appeals)

Richard Stuart, Trustee, et al v. Board of Appeals of the Town of Wilmington, Land Court #42097 (appeal of decisions of Board of Appeals denying reconsideration of a prior decision, denial of variances and denial of applications concerning Official Map (c.41, s.81E))

Scott C. Reinhold v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #91-4078 (tort complaint for damages alleging tortious acts by the Wilmington Police Department)

Priscilla Collins, Administratrix De Bonis Non of the Estate of Joseph James Roy v. Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court #92-4695 (action for personal injury)

Joseph P. McMenimen, et al v. Wilmington Arboretum Apts., et al, Middlesex Superior Court #92-6822 (appeal from further decision of Housing Appeals Committee)

Mildred F. Woods, et al v. Town of Wilmington, Appeals Court #97-P-0080 (petition to determine zoning relevancy/appealed to the Appeals Court) consolidated with the case of

Robert McSweeney v. Bruce MacDonald, et al, Appeals Court #97-P-57 (action for appeal of a decision of the Board of Appeals and claims under Massachusetts Constitution and Title 42, section 1983, U.S.C./appealed to the Appeals Court) (appeals stayed at the Appeals Court pending Court imposed mediation)

Presidential Development Corporation, et al v. Wilmington Planning Board, Land Court (appeal of a decision of the Planning Board pursuant to G.L.c.41, s.81BB)

Ruth Tkachuk,, et al v. Wilmington Board of Appeals, et al,, Land Court Department #195418 CDJ, ZJA, ZJB (action for zoning relief)

Mary Nelson v. Louis Farkas, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #94-2516 (complaint for judicial review of zoning decision)

Joanne M. Cuoco, et al v. Gregory Erickson, et al, Woburn District Court #945CV1090 (appeal from decision of Board of Health)

Town of Reading Municipal Light Department v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #95-0534A (action to compel the town to implement electric light liens on town residents)

New England Landevelopment, Inc. v. Board of Appeals, Land Court #219125 (action pursuant to G.L.c.40A, s.17 for judicial review of a Board of Appeals' decision)

New England Landevelopment, Inc. v. Board of Appeals, Land Court #219126 (action pursuant to G.L.c.40A, s.17 for judicial review of a Board of Appeals' decision)

AFSCME,Council 93, AFL-CIO (John Reese) and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association #11 390 01992 96 (claim of grievance for working out of classification)

William E. Leatham, III, et ux v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #95-4539 (complaint in ten counts alleging negligence and other matters contained in the complaint)

Town of Wilmington v. J. Tropeano, Inc., et al, Middlesex Superior Court #9553CV0829 (action against general contractor and suit on the bond)

State Ethics Commission v. Arthur R. Smith, Jr., State Ethics Commission No. 522 (hearing on alleged violation of ethics violation)

State Ethics Commission v. James Russo, State Ethics Commission No. 523 (hearing on alleged violation of ethics violation)

Lorinda Kacamburas v. Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court #95-5542 (claim for personal injury)

Albert A. Cuoco, et al v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Land Court #226211 (petition for Declaratory Judgment or to Remove Cloud on Title)

James Piro v. Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, Woburn District Court #9653CV0320 (petition for Review Under G.L. c.140, s.157)

Therman L. Wilson, et al v. Officers Richter and Bossi, Middlesex Superior Court #96-1579 (claim for violation of Title 42, section 1983, et al)

Esis, Inc. and Amtrack v. Town of Wilmington, Quincy District Court #96CV0804 (claims for property damage and personal damage)

Jarrett Amicone v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #95-5760 (complaint for alleged violation of state and federal civil rights and assault and battery and ancillary damages)

Brandon Cave v. Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superor Court #96-5017 (claim for personal injury)

New England Landevelopment, Inc. v. Board of Appeals, Land Court #231224 (action pursuant to G.L.c.41, s.81BB for judicial review of a Planning Board decision)

Zeneca Inc. v. Daniel R. Stewart, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #96-5584 (action for declaratory judgment and claim pursuant to administrative procedure act)

Zeneca Inc. v. Daniel R. Stewart, et al, State Fire Marshall's Office (appeal of cease and desist order)

James Joseph Randall, et ux v. Daniel P. Murphy, et al, Land Court #231644 (claim for declaratory judgment and adjudication of rights concerning so-called paper street)

Kevin F. MacDonald v. Town of Wilmington Planning Board, Middlesex Superior Court #96-6416 (complaint for equitable relief concerning surety bond filed pursuant to G.L. c.41, s.81U)

Arthur R. Smith, Jr. v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Ethics Commission, Middlesex Superior Court #96-6682 (motion by the Town to intervene, allowed)

Robert E. Vassallo, Jr., v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Civil Service Commission (claim of appeal pursuant to G.L. c.31, s.41 and claim of appeal pursuant to G.L. c.31, s.43)

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* There are pending as of January 1, 1998, separate petitions for abatements before the Appellate Tax Board, many involving claims for several different years.

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During the year 1997, the following new actions were brought against the Town of Wilmington or its officers or agents:

Robert E. Vassallo, Jr., v. Town of Wilmington, et al, American Arbitration Association (claim for grievance re suspension)

AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association (claim of grievance for Robert Mauriello - overtime pay)

David L. Bachman v. Town of Wilmington, et al, United States District Court, Civil
Case #97-10365NG (miscellanous allegations of misconduct)

81 FF Realty Trust v. Town of Wilmington Planning Board and its Director, Land Court #236153 (appeal of Planning Board decision)

81 FF Realty Trust, Roger Nelson v. Town of Wilmington Board of Appeals and Building Inspector, Land Court #237235 (complaint for judicial review of a decision of the Board of Appeals and Building Inspector)

George Nelson v. Town of Wilmington Board of Appeals and Building Inspector, Land Court #237236 (complaint for judicial review of a decision of the Board of Appeals and Building Inspector)

Mary Nelson v. Town of Wilmington Board of Appeals and Building Inspector, Land Court #237237 (complaint for judicial review of a decision of the Board of Appeals and Building Inspector)

AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 1703 and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association (claim of grievance for Class Action - sick leave bank)

Lawrence F. Howe v. The Town of Wilmington and Nancy Jane Slater, Land Court No. 240631 (Petition for Declaratory Judgment To Remove Cloud on Title)

AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 1703 and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association (claim for grievance for Ray Parker, Jr. - bypassed for overtime)

David Doucette and Linda Doucette v. Charles E. Boyle, et al., Middlesex Superior Court #97-4669 (Zoning Appeal)

AFSCME Council 93 (Local 1703) and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association (claim of grievance for Class Action - Alarm Duties)

Michael Stuart a/k/a Michael T. Stuart, et al. v. Town of Wilmington, Land Court No. 37162-S-1996-11; 36146-S-1996-10; 231790 Misc. Case (rights in Claremont Street, Wilmington, MA)

Colonial Gas Company of Lowell, Middlesex County v. Town of Wilmington, Wilmington, MA; Robert P. Palmer of Wilmington, Middlesex County, Middlesex Superior Court No. 97-5048 (seeks declaratory and injunctive relief against town for street openings)

Christine Bramante and Howard M. Cohen v. Superintendant Geraldine O'Donnell and Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court #97-5683 (complaint concerning bus location) (defense to be provided by School Committee counsel)

Priscilla Carciofi v. Town of Wilmington, Lowell District Court #97-11CV-2713 (complaint concerning money owed to her for being mini-bus driver for the Town of Wilmington) (defense to be provided by School Committee counsel and insurance company)

New England Landevelopment, Inc. v. Board of Appeals, et al., Land Court Department #243915 (complaint for judicial review of decision of the Board of Appeals)

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During the year 1997, the following actions by or against the Town were disposed of:

Joseph P. McMenimen, et al v. Wilmington Arboretum Apts., et al, Middlesex Superior Court #92-6822 (decision of Appeals Court allowing construction of MHFA housing (limited dividend))

Town of Reading Municipal Light Department v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #95-0534A (decision of Superior Court requiring town to enforce liens)

Town of Wilmington v. J. Tropeano, Inc., et al, Middlesex Superior Court #9553CV0829 (disposed of by settlement and payment to the Town of Wilmington in the amount of $5,000.)

Robert E. Vassallo, Jr., v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Civil Service Commission (claim dismissed by Civil Service Commission; hearing before Arbitrator resulted in letter in personnel file)

Lorinda Kacamburas v. Town of Wilmington, Middlesex Superior Court #95-5542 (disposed of by settlement by insurer in the amount of $60,000.)

AFSCME,Council 93, AFL-CIO (John Reese) and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association #11 390 01992 96 (disposed of award of Arbitrator that the town did not violate Article 12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement)

David L. Bachman v. Town of Wilmington, et al, United States District Court, Civil Case #97-10365NG (disposed of by allowance of Motion For Summary Judgment - case dismissed)

Wilmington Fire Fighters, I.A.F.F., Local 1370 (Edmund Corcoran) v. Town of Wilmington, Labor Relations Commission # MUP-1795 (disposed of by dismissal by the Grievant)

AFSCME Council 93, Local 1703 and Town of Wilmington, American Arbitration Association, Robert Seiple, Sr. (disposed of by withdrawal of the Grievant)

Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency v. Town of Wilmington, acting by and through its Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Program, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #97-01996 (disposed of by release of $16,557.15 to Ford Consumer Finance Company, Inc., primary lienor)

Jarrett Amicone v. Town of Wilmington, et al, Middlesex Superior Court #95-5760 (disposed of by settlement at the request of the insurer without an admission of liability)

Therman L. Wilson, et al v. Officers Richter and Bossi, Middlesex Superior Court #96-1579 (disposed of by settlement at the request of the insurer without an admission of liability)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The spring and summer of 1997 found the Historical Commission working toward their goal of the town purchasing a substantial collection of Wilmington historical memorabilia dating back to the 18th century. In July the Historical Commission hosted a public display of this material in the Town Hall. Thanks to the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee this material, now known as the "Bond Collection," is in the Bicentennial Room of the library. Two display cases exhibit a small portion of the material. Several photos will appear in a book to be published in 1998. The majority of the memorabilia is being cataloged and readied for archival preservation.

The Historical Commission along with the Wilmington Kiwanis helped Gerry O'Reilly in the publication of his second book, SILVER LAKE REVISITED.

The Commission received donations from the following: An 1868 Eastlake organ from Arthur Zaino; tools from Jim Durkee; the Burgess family donated photos and books; Jay Tighe and Elizabeth Barrett also donated Wilmington related books.

The Town purchased a substantial collection of Wilmington historical memorabilia dating back to the 18th century.

Carolyn Harris represented the Historical Commission at the Friends of the Wilmington Library's panel discussion "Times Gone By and Apple Pie."

The Colonel Joshua Harnden Tavern is open for free tours on the first Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Commission hosted students and civic groups on private tours of the Tavern. The Massachusetts Council of Minutemen now hold their monthly meeting at the Harnden Tavern.

The Historical Commission sponsored two special programs at the Harnden Tavern. One was a beer making demonstration by the Middlesex Brewery. The other was a Tea and Quilt Display.

The Friends of the Harnden Tavern held a Harvest Festival and Christmas Social at the Tavern.

Memberships in the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Historic Massachusetts have been renewed.

The Historical Commission thanks the Public Buildings Department for their continued efforts to preserve the old West School and Harnden Tavern.

The Historical Commission meets on the second Monday of the month in the Harnden Tavern.

Carter Lecture Fund

Each year a program is presented for the enjoyment of the town's residents through the generosity of the late Sarah Carter who bequeathed money to the town for this purpose in 1910.

The committee offers a lecture, musical or travelogue which they feel the general public will find informative and entertaining. On Wednesday, April 30, 1997 a musical evening featuring Gail Rundlett, folk singer and dulcimer and guitar player, performed at the Barrow's Auditorium. Her musical group, Virtual Harmony, also accompanied her.

In the spring of 1998 the committee will present another free program.

Public Buildings Department

The Public Buildings Department is responsible for the maintenance of all town and school buildings. We are responsible for the cleaning and sanitary conditions for town employees, school children and personnel and the general public.

The following are the highlights of some of the projects completed during 1997.

The Senior Citizen Center was given a fresh coat of paint.

New section of roof on the Woburn Street School above cafeteria.

New section of roof on the 4th of July building.

Voting machines were programmed and set up for elections.

High School gym and auditorium were set up for Town Meetings.

Chairs and choral risers were moved from school to school for musical concerts and plays.

Renovation was done to the West Intermediate School home economics area for an additional classroom.

Renovation was done to the High School to accommodate the early childhood area to be moved from the Boutwell School to the High School.

During the summer all schools were prepared for a successful opening in September.

Continuing Town efforts to preserve buildings of historic importance, a section of roof at the Old West Schoolhouse was replaced.

I gratefully acknowledge the support of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Departments, School Administration and especially all the employees of the Public Buildings Department for their continued help, support and cooperation in making 1997 a productive year.

PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Building Committee has been very busy so far this year. We have recommended, and the town has hired, a Project Manager to help us oversee the design and construction of both the new middle school and the public safety building.

We have also recommended two architects, which the town has hired, one for the new middle school and one for the public safety building to start looking at programmatic and site issues and start preliminary designs. Many meetings have been attended with both architects and school and town officials to keep both projects on tract.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Town Departments, School Administration and especially the people of Wilmington. Together we look ahead to the completion of these much needed projects.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Department completed its 27th year with a full-time Director. Along with a full-time Director is a full-time Senior Clerk. The department office is located in Room 8 in Town Hall. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Assisting the department is the Recreation Commission. This volunteer board, which was formed in 1953, acts in an advisory and policy making capacity. Members are: Jay Tighe, Chairman; William Savosik, Vice Chairman; Debra Gray, Secretary; Larry Noel and Charles Burns. Commissioners are active in such various related groups as Master Plan Advisory Committee, Lions Club, Elks, Girl Scouts and other organizations.

Even though the Recreation Department remains small, with only two full-time employees, it represents the second largest industry (leisure) in our country. Over 60 part-time employees, along with many volunteers, help run the department's programs. The department offers, on a year round basis, an ever-changing slate of activities for all ages of local citizens.

We keep in mind the following guidelines as we plan recreation opportunities for the town:

- provide opportunities for self-expression
- offer programs which develop a sense of personal worth
- provide activities that allow for personal achievement and accomplishment
- provide activities that are fun and enjoyable
- provide physical activities which are new and different, offering a certain amount of challenge to participants
- teach skills in various activities that will have carryover value in later life
- provide a variety of healthy and diversified programs
- make programs as accessible to all as possible

A local recreation survey taken a few years ago provided valuable information and direction. Survey results showed that: a) respondents placed recreation as a high priority public service, b) our dependence upon user fees with tax support is the desired way of financing the department, c) most respondents participate in a recreation program, d) age groups, in order, needing more recreation are junior high age, middle age then pre-school.

Our departmental funding comes from a variety of sources. The town appropriated budget provides for a full-time director and clerk, a summer special needs day camp and some supplies. Program fees and donations heavily supplement the town funded budget. We are pleased with our continued ability to offer high quality programs at very reasonable costs. We are able to do this because we utilize fund raising methods which are services too. These services are: various trips and programs, Town Hall Pepsi and snack machine, sale of Wilmington sweatshirts and t-shirts, sale of Entertainment Books, sale of Ski Books and canoe rental. Shawsheen Tech sometimes helps us with printing and related services. Volunteers, as always, play a key role in providing two dollars worth of service for every dollar spent. We utilize

volunteers in varying capacities in many of our programs. They provide a valuable service and gain much themselves in this capacity. This past year we had 100 hours of service from a senior citizen who participated in the property tax work-off program. We also receive much help from local businesses and organizations. Some of these invaluable contributors are: Lions Club, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council, Wilmington Town Employees Association, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, Papa Ginos, Knights of Columbus, Police Association, Custodial Union, Dunkin Donuts, Analog Devices, Stelio's Restaurant, F & R Auto Supply, Constant Temperature Systems, McDonald's, Burger King, Sweetheart Cup, Dandi-Lyons, Auxiliary Police, Pepsi Cola, DeMoulas, Textron, Lightolier, MASSBANK for Savings, Shriners, Agfa and Ski Haus. We continue to search for new and innovative ways to generate needed funds to keep costs low for the consumer.

The Recreation Department is involved, in varying degrees, with other recreation oriented groups. In this capacity we serve as a quasi-consulting agency. We also loan recreation equipment to families and groups for various functions. We program use of the Shawsheen Tech pool for scouts and other groups. We also use this pool for our summer swim lessons program. We are a handy information source and referral agency answering a wide variety and a large number of questions every day.

Everybody loves a tea party! One of the Recreation Department's new offerings for 1997.

Our basic programs were: Santa's Workshop, Horribles Parade, Basketball League (WRBL), Adult Gym, Swimming Lessons, CPR, Gymnastics, Aerobics, Cinema Discounts, Discounts to Other Commercial Recreation Enterprises, Discount Coupons, Disney on Ice at FleetCenter, Florida Discounts, T-Ball, Easter Egg Hunt, Circus Tickets at FleetCenter, Bruins Tickets, Summer Playgrounds, Tiny Tots, Fun With Music, Special Needs Day Camp, Public Beach Lifeguard Supervision, Canoe Rental, Tennis Lessons, Concerts on the Common, Fishing Derby, Co-ed Volleyball, Free Loan of Fishing, Canoeing, Disney, Soccer, Aerobics, Hawaii and other VCR tapes, Video Camp, Guitar Lessons, Intermediate Ice Skating Party, Police Association Beach Day, Easter Coloring Contest, Sale of Entertainment Discount Books, Special Needs

Trips to the Shriners Rodeo and Circus, Ballroom and Country Western Dancing Lessons, Childrens Tea Parties, Weird Science Workshops, Kinder Karate, Junior Basketball, Topsfield Fair Tickets, Rafting, Big "E" Tickets, Sale of Ski Discount Books, Summer Youth Basketball League and Clinics, Golf Lessons, Letters from Santa, Town Park Softball Leagues, Sale of Tickets to Water Country, Baby Sitting Course, Kids Craft Classes, Adult Craft Classes, Jr. and Intermediate Bowling Leagues and Flower Show Tickets. Our trips continue to grow in popularity. Day trips included: Flower Show, Olympic Figure Skating Show, Old Deerfield, Boston Duck Tours, N.E. Revolution Soccer, Newport, Christmas Shopping in New York City, Other Trips to New York City, Cranes Beach Sand Castle Day, Red Sox, Fall River Shopping, Connecticut Casinos (Ledyard and Mohegan Sun), Provincetown Cruise/Whale Watch and Nantucket. Theatre trips included: Boston Pops, Riverdance, Christmas Carol, King and I, Nutcracker, Blue Man Group, Cinderella, Showboat and Les Miserables. During the summer we took playground, tiny tots and special needs camp participants on many field trip excursions. Overnight trips included: Atlantic City, Las Vegas, St. Patrick's Overnight Party in NH, Montreal, Six Flags, Villa Roma Resort (NY) and Vermont Fall Foliage. We even took 46 adventurers to Alaska in July.

We try to remain versatile and receptive to new ideas and trends. Due to change in demand and other factors, we change our offerings to the tune of 10 - 20% each year. We continue to see an increase in the number of participants in many of our programs especially youth programs. Our trips for seniors, adults and families provide much needed revenue. These trips are in great demand also. Arts and crafts programs for children and adults continue to expand too. We expanded our playground and tiny tots programs this past summer.

Some other groups that offer leisure type programs in Wilmington are: Little League, Elderly Services Department, Youth Hockey, Pop Warner, Figure Skating Club, Square Dancing, Youth Soccer, July 4th Committee, Community Schools, Council for the Arts, Scouts, Campfire and the Skating Rink. Schools and churches round out the active recreation picture. The independent Youth Center at St. Thomas is a big plus for teens.

The lack of commercial recreation in Wilmington, such as bowling centers and movie theatres and the lack of agencies such as YMCA's and Boys/Girls Clubs stress the importance of town support for this Department, especially now with a growing youth population and a growing demand for recreation opportunities.

Fishing on Silver Lake — a favorite summer activity.

LIBRARY

In accordance with the By-laws of the Town of Wilmington, the Memorial Library's Annual Report for 1997, with accompanying statistics, is herewith submitted.

On a beautiful June summer evening, hundreds of residents came to the Town Common to "Celebrate the Library!" This gala event kicked off the 1997 annual Summer Reading Club with the theme of "Celebration." Library staff, Friends of the Library, volunteers and various town departments contributed to the success of this program symbolizing the spirit of library service and community support for the library in 1997.

The most evident indication this past year of community support for its public library was the official organization of "The Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library." The organizational process started in early spring with a small but energetic and committed group of library patrons. The year ended with 85 members, more than half way to the Friends' goal of 150 members by May 1998. The Friends provided refreshments, prizes and volunteer support for the June 19 "Celebrate the Library" program on the Town Common. The Friends enhanced the Children's Department Summer Reading Club Programs by providing refreshments, supplies and volunteer help. Delicious refreshments were also provided by the Friends at a Poetry Reading in April and a Reception for Teachers in September. The Friends presented "Times Gone By and Apple Pie," their first program for adults in October. A panel of long time Wilmington residents shared their memories of Wilmington as it was years ago. In keeping with the spirit of the season and the historical Baldwin apple, the Friends served homemade apple pie. In December, the Friends decorated the library for the holiday season and gave the library a Christmas gift of book bags for the Children's Department. The Friends also began planning and gathering books for their first annual book sale to be held on July 4, 1998.

On September 25, at their first membership meeting, the Friends adopted by-laws and elected the following officers: President, Karen Campbell; Vice President, Pat Banda; Clerk/Recording Secretary, Terry McDermott; Corresponding Secretary, Christine Haurey; Treasurer, Janet Cahill; Publicity, Lisa Crispin; Hospitality Chairman, Kate Leduc and Membership Chairman, Barbara Hooper. With the organization of Friends of the Library, a major goal of the library's Long Range Plan was realized. They have made, and will continue to make, a difference in the quality of library service that can be provided to the community.

The Board of Library Trustees is acknowledged for their time and commitment to the library this past year. Town Manager Michael Caira appointed Lester White and Maureen Rounds to the Board in May. Appreciation is extended to outgoing trustees Patricia Duggan and Kenneth Miller for 15 years of service on the Board of Library Trustees. Mary Deislinger ably chaired the Board as of May 1997. James Banda provided his legal expertise to the Friends in writing their by-laws. Martha Stevenson and Lester White worked with Library Director Tina Stewart in preparing a Request for Proposal for a Library Building Consultant. Maureen Rounds and Anne Buzzell serve as liaisons to the Friends Executive Board. Maureen Rounds, with Friends President Karen Campbell and

Library Director Tina Stewart, attended the joint conference of the Massachusetts Friends of the Library and the Massachusetts Library Trustee Association in November.

The library staff's service ethic and team work that contributed to the success of the "Celebrate the Library" program are what continues to make a positive impact on the quality of library service patrons receive daily. It is the staff that gives direction, organization and support to a collection of now over 90,000 items. It is the staff that assists people in navigating an increasingly complex information environment. It is the staff that develops and presents programs that fulfill the library's mission "to provide opportunities to discover and appreciate our cultural and historical heritage and foster the joys of reading and lifelong learning." The staff is commended for their continued hard work and dedication during 1997.

The creative energy of the Children's Department staff was seen in the ongoing storytime programs and the special programs presented throughout the year. In keeping with the state-wide theme "Celebrate," Children's Librarian, Sharon Ruetenik and her staff presented a successful Summer Reading Club with weekly Wednesday programs including, "Christmas in July," "a Teddy Bear Picnic," "An American Girl Tea Party," "Pocket Wonders" and a "Birthday Celebration." In July, professional storyteller David Bates and singer Roger Ticknell presented the program, "Under One Sky: A Multicultural Celebration" funded by a grant from the Wilmington Arts Council. Family Story Time, a new read aloud program for children and their parents, was presented Thursday evenings during the summer and continued monthly in the fall with a seasonal theme. This well received series has provided working parents the opportunity to enjoy a library program together with their children.

Changes in personnel took place in 1997. Children's Librarian Sharon Ruetenik resigned in November. Susan MacDonald, Assistant Children's Librarian for 23 years, was appointed to the position of Children's Librarian. Karen Whitfield was appointed to the new full time position, Children's Circulation Assistant, in July. Patricia Carroll began working as a part-time Library Assistant in February.

Lorraine Waterman, a participant in the Senior Work Program, assists youngsters during the "Celebrate the Library" program.

We acknowledge the valuable hours of service to the library provided by the two Senior Citizens who participated in the Town's Property Tax Work-Off Program. Mary Lunetta and Lorraine Waterman assisted Children's Department staff in preparing for the Summer Reading Club. They worked tirelessly helping children make "summer tossers" at the "Celebrate the Library" program on the Town Common. We also thank all the volunteers who gave their time to the library this past year.

Community support for the library was also evidenced in an increase in monetary gifts from individuals and organizations. The Wilmington Lion's Club made a generous donation to enhance the collections which serve the visually impaired. We thank all the individuals who contributed to the library's Memorial Fund, especially the family of Robert Michelson who designated the library as the recipient of memorial gifts in his name. The library was able to acquire a new atlas and dictionary stand with donations from this fund. A monetary gift from the Wilmington Women's Club was used to purchase a puppet theater for the Children's Room "in honor of Sarah L. Rueter," former Children's Librarian and Library Director. The popular museum pass program was sponsored by the following organizations: Wilmington Community Fund, Wilmington Elementary School PACS, Wilmington Council for the Arts and the Wilmington Garden Club. A special thanks to Pat Dennis for her time in coordinating the fundraising for the museum pass program.

As the library continues to improve its collections and its services and provide varied programs of interest to all age groups, more residents are using the library. According to our electronic "people counter," an average of 423 people visit the library daily! As we move toward the new millennium our agenda is large, but with the spirit of teamwork and community support evidenced in 1997, we are confident that the challenges will be met with enthusiasm and dedication to quality library service.

LIBRARY STAFF

Administration:
Christina Stewart, Library Director
Gloria Corcoran, PT Administrative Assistant

Adult Services:
Laura Hodgson, Reference and Adult Service Librarian
Linda Callahan, Circulation Librarian
Linda Berlik, Patricia Carroll, PT Library Assistants
Eric Brassil, Justin Corrigan, Amanda Gustin, Anthony Szabo,
PT Library Pages

Children's Services:
Susan MacDonald, Children's Librarian
Karen Whitfield, Children's Circulation Assistant
Arlene TenDyke, Story Hour Assistant
Elizabeth Berlik, Benjamin DeGennaro, Alicia Kendall,
Maya Persuad-Dubey, PT Library Pages

Technical Services:
Laurel Toole, Head of Technical Services
Anna Percuoco, Technical Services Assistant
Dorothy Wiberg, Technical Services Assistant

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 1997

Hours Open Weekly		
Winter		56
Monday through Saturday 9-5		
Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5-9		
Summer		48
Monday through Friday 9-5		
Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5-9		
Population 20,886		
Registered Borrowers		15,015
Number of Items in Collection		92,173
Books	89,662	
Books on Tape	520	
Compact Discs	246	
Audio Cassettes	236	
Videos	683	
Miscellaneous	826	
Items per capita	4.41	
Subscriptions		
Newspapers		8
Periodicals		164
Microfilm		7
Museum Passes		7
Circulation	150,567	
Circulation per capita	7.21	
Interlibrary Loan		4,621
From other libraries	1,936	
To other libraries	2,685	
Reserves		4,215
Reference and Reader's Services		20,816
Meeting Room Reservations		151
Library Programs		157
Pre-school		82
Summer Reading Program		1
Group visits		18
Special programs		41
Adult programs		15

Total attendance at programs	4,681
Pre-school	1,392
Summer Reading Program	603
Group visits	256
Special programs	2,227
Adult programs	203
Exhibits and displays	81
Children's Department	48
Adult Department	33

ELDERLY SERVICES

The year 1997 was a very busy one for the Senior Citizen Center and our outreach program. We are proud of the many accomplishments which includes serving 1,528 seniors this year.

On April 22, 1997, the seniors of Wilmington were recipients of a very generous donation. The Senior Commissioners, along with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, Michael Caira, accepted a check for $33,116.00 from the Son's of Italy. This money was donated to the Department of Elder Services for the purchase of a handicapped van. This very much needed handicapped van is equipped to handle two wheelchairs along with six other regular seats. We are able to take Wilmington seniors confined to wheelchairs to the Senior Center and medical appointments. The van continues to transport approximately 500 to 600 seniors a month to their medical appointments, shopping and to the senior center.

We also have become more aware of the seniors out in the community due to our full-time respite care worker. She was able to visit 842 elders, provided them with one-on-one attention, brought them to medical appointments (which include cancer treatments, x-rays, blood tests and regular physicals). She also assisted in filling out fuel applications and any other applications that are difficult to process. This position also plays a vital role in maintaining elders in their own homes. The respite care worker is able to make referrals to other outside agencies that can help provide services in the elder's home without having the need to go to a nursing home.

Many weekly activities were available to the seniors of Wilmington this year. These activities include exercise classes, arts and crafts, art class (painting and drawing), line dancing, sing-a-long groups, wood shop, bingo, nutritional inservice, ceramics, sewing, knitting and crocheting and card games. We are also fortunate to have the town nurse who visits weekly to provide blood pressure clinics, B-12 shots, diabetic screenings and provides cholesterol screening once a month. For seniors who are unable to make it to the center due to health ailments, she is able to make home visits. Other monthly services include a podiatrist, hearing aid specialist and the SHINE coordinator. Volunteer accountants from AARP come yearly to assist elders with their taxes.

Elders continue to receive home delivered meals. In 1997 there were 11,720 meals served. The elders that are able to get out have the opportunity to congregate at the Wilmington High School for a hot lunch. This year they served 3,242 meals.

This year we received many calls for financial and other needed assistance. Referrals were made to the Social Security Office, Welfare Office, Medicaid Office, Wilmington Housing Authority, Elder Legal Services, CTI for fuel and Minuteman Home Care.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their generous donations in 1997. Dunkin' Donuts for their year supply of donuts; Filter Fresh for their year supply of coffee and filters; Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks for their Thanksgiving Dinner Dance; Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs for their monthly donations to financially strapped seniors; the Lions Club for their annual catered dinner; William Cavanaugh, owner of Cavanaugh's Funeral Home, for the yearly donation of 10 popular magazine subscriptions; Maple Meadow Gardens for their annual Christmas Tree and to all the clubs and businesses who donated heating oil to needy elderly residents.

Thanks to the Town Manager, Michael Caira, and all town Department Heads for your help when requested. Thanks also to the seniors who volunteered hundreds of hours visiting lonely seniors in their homes, hospitals and nursing homes. For the volunteers who delivered holiday catered meals and all that came faithfully every week to the senior center to instruct classes and programs. Thanks also to those who gave their time and money in making the Senior Citizen Fair a success again this year.

Kevin Caira and Gerald Pupa, of the Sons of Italy, present the keys for a handicapped accessible van to Elderly Services Director Edith Cunningham, Town Manager Michael A. Caira and Board of Selectmen Chairman Daniel C. Wandell.

At the end of 1997, Edith Cunningham will be retiring as Elderly Services Director, after 19 years of dedicated services to the seniors of Wilmington. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for what she has done in making the Senior Center a success. Town Manager Michael Caira has appointed Theresa Marciello to the position of Elderly Services Director.

Commission on Disabilities

The Wilmington Commission on Disabilities is a commission established to address the issues and concerns of the disabled community, their families and other interested parties.

A continuing project of the Commission is to insure an up-to-date Handicapped Resource Manual. The purpose of this manual is to provide to the community a complete reference of handicapped services. The Commission is in the process of doing its annual update and would like your assistance. Anyone interested in having services listed, or have a change in location, phone number or contact person, please feel free to contact any of the Commissioners.

We have a continuing positive relationship with Wilmington's ADA Committee, Wilmington Committee for Citizens with Disabilities and the Wilmington Special Needs Advisory Council. We look forward to working with these groups to provide a better life for the disabled.

The following is a list of the Commission's most recent accomplishments.

- The Commission on Disabilities has subscribed to an Internet service which will enable us to explore and access more information regarding handicapped affairs.

- The Commission on Disabilities, in conjunction with Shawsheen Valley Technical High School of Billerica, is currently designing a web page to be incorporated with the Town of Wilmington's web site.

- The Commission recommended that the Board of Selectmen increase handicapped parking violations from $10 to $100.

- We have assisted handicapped residents with essential services such as transportation and signage, offered referrals and supports in-house modifications.

- Donations have been made to the Wilmington Lions Club and the Friends of Wilmington Library.

- Petitioned Governor Weld to retain the position of Lorraine Greif, Acting Director of the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities (MOD).

- The Commission on Disabilities issued a petition of support to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission to accurately portray FDR with his disability in one of the five statues being erected in the FDR Memorial Library.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Case 1-97 George C. Nelson Map 6 Parcel 22

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding the Official Map for property located on 3 Poplar Street.

Denied - applicant failed to demonstrate that enforcement of provisions of G. L. CH. 41, Sec. 81E would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

Case 2-97 Kimberly Nelson Map 6 Parcel 43

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding the Official Map for property located on 5 Polk Street.

Denied - applicant failed to demonstrate that enforcement of provisions of G. L. Ch. 41, Sec. 81E would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

Case 3-97 Mary Nelson Map 6 Parcel 2

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding the Official Map for property located on 9 Walnut Street.

Denied - applicant failed to demonstrate that enforcement of provisions of G. L. Ch. 41, Sec. 81E would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

Case 4-97 Catherine Basso Map 16 Parcel 58

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding the Official Map for property located on 4 Canyon Street.

Granted - this property does not have frontage on a street on the Official Map but does have pavement suitable for travel.

Case 5-97 Gregg Roberts Map R1 Parcel 118

A special permit under Sec. 8.5 to operate an auto body repair shop at 319A Andover Street.

Granted - meets general purpose and intent of Sec. 8.5.

Case 6-97 Wilmington Builders Map 42 Parcel 29

A special permit under Sec. 6.1.2.2 to expand a pre-existing nonconforming use for property on 340 Main Street.

Granted - meets general purpose and intent of Sec. 6.1.2.2.

Case 7-97 American Legion Map 49 Parcel 54, 55

A special permit under Sec. 6.1.2.2 for an addition on a pre-existing, nonconforming lot for property located on 3 Bay Street.

Denied - would exceed 50% of combined floor area and use would be detrimental to the Town and neighborhood.

Case 8-97 Paul Fitzpatrick Map 67 Parcel 75B

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 for a lot having insufficient front yard setback on Gorham Street for an addition to property located on 31 Cary Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 9-97 AT & T Wireless Map 98 Parcel 11

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 3.4.7 Public Service Utility Use, Sec. 5.2.8.1, pole to exceed 48 feet (requesting a 120 foot tower), and Sec. 6.4.3, relief from off-street parking and loading standards for property located on 98 Ainsworth Road.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 10-97 Charlotte E. Fitch Map 62 Parcel pt 25, 26

A variance for a lot having 75 feet of frontage and width, which is less than the required 100 feet, to construct a single family dwelling for property located on Grant Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 11-97 Michael T. Stuart Map 67 Parcel pt 82A

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3 and 5.2.5 for a lot having insufficient area (23,061 sq. ft.), frontage (90.06 ft), width (90.06) and side yard setback (17.00 ft) for property located on Broad Street.

Granted - footprint for the proposed dwelling shown on ZBA Plan of Land shall not be increased beyond that which is shown unless all title issues for Lot 1090 have been resolved.

Case 12-97 Michael T. Stuart Map 67 Parcel pt 82A

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3 and 5.2.5 for a lot having insufficient area (23,965 sq. ft.), frontage (93.22 ft.), width (93.22 ft.) and side yard setback (12 feet) for property located on Broad Street.

Granted - footprint for the proposed dwelling shown on ZBA Plan of Land shall not be increased beyond that which is shown unless all title issues for Lot 1090 have been resolved.

Case 13-97 Eisai Research Institute Map R3 Parcel 401

A special permit under Sec. 8.4 and 4.1.10 for scientific development for property located at 100 Research Drive.

Granted - complies with all the requirements of Sec. 8.5 and 4.1.10.

Case 14-97 James J. Bransfield Map 66 Parcel 75

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct an addition to an existing garage 10 feet from the side yard lot line, required setback is 15 feet, for property located on 15 Glendale Circle.

Granted - no closer than 10 feet from the side yard lot line.

Case 15-97 Paul Nikodemos Map 58 Parcel 13A

A variance to construct a shed, garage and cabana within the required side and rear yard setbacks, requesting 20 feet when 40 feet is required for property located at 9 Englewood Drive.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 16-97 4th of July Committee Map 63 Parcel 10

A special permit for a carnival for the Fourth of July Week from July 1 through July 6, 1997 for property located on 159 Church Street.

Granted - from July 1 through July 6, 1997.

Case 17-97 L. A. Associates Map 48 Parcel 30

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1 (lot area), 5.2.2 (frontage), 5.2.3 (width), 5.2.4 (front yard setback) and 5.2.5 (side and rear yard setbacks) for property located on Lot 1 Denault Drive.

Granted - will conform to other lot areas in the neighborhood.

Case 18-97 L. A. Associates Map 48 Parcel 30

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1 (lot area), 5.2.2 (frontage), 5.2.3 (width), 5.2.4 (front yard setback) and 5.2.5 (side and rear yard setbacks) for property located on Lot 2 Denault Drive.

Granted - will conform to other lot areas in the neighborhood.

Case 19-97 Wilmington Cold Storage Map 46 Parcel 1B

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding the Zoning By-law enforcement at 856 Woburn Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 20-97 Paul I. Boudreau Map 96 Parcel 9B

To construct an accessory apartment to a single family dwelling at 20A High Street.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 4.2.7.

Case 21-97 Aleppo Temple Shrine Map 99 Parcel 135A

A special permit pursuant to Sec. 6.4.3 for relief from parking requirements of Subsection 6.4 (6.4.2.4), specifically the requirements of paving the proposed parking area for property located on 99 Fordham Road.

Granted - with stipulations listed in the decision.

Case 22-97 William Bolognese Map 9 Parcel 74A

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct an above- ground pool 15 feet from the rear yard lot line when the requirement is 25 feet for property located on 7 Wakefield Avenue.

Granted - no closer than 15 feet from the rear yard lot line,for the life of the pool.

Case 23-97 Ruping Builders Map 15 Parcel 109

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct a deck within the rear yard setback, asking to be 31 feet from the rear yard lot line when 40 feet is required for property located on 8R Fernbanks Road.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 24-97 Craig S. Newhouse Map 69 Parcels 82, 83, 84

A building permit authorizing the construction of a single family dwelling on a lot located on Lexington Street, a private way existing but not shown on the Town Official Map.

Granted - the applicant will undertake the widening and regrading of said road area to a width of 20 feet through the frontage of the proposed lot.

Case 25-97 Nicholas Palla III Map 43 Parcel 1

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 3.5.15, Table I, Auto Repair and Body Shop for property located on 287 Main Street.

Granted - in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Sec. 3.5.15.

Case 26-97 Gail White Map 19 Parcel 107

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 for a two-car garage to be 15 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 20 Apache Way.

Granted - no closer than 15 feet from the side yard lot line.

Case 27-97 Joseph J. Dinatale, Jr. Map 84 Parcel 63

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 for an addition to be 3 feet from the side yard lot line when 25 feet is required for property located on 45 McDonald Road.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 28-97 Sprint Spectrum LP Map 40 Parcel 2A

To amend an existing special permit, Case 4-84, to allow the renting of tower transmission capability for co-location of wireless PCS antenna equipment on an existing 150' telecommunications tower owned by Bell Atlantic/NYNEX Mobile and located on 625 Main Street.

Granted - in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Sec. 8.5.

Case 29-97 David C. Ingram Map 101 Parcel 665

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 to construct a garage 36 feet from the front yard on Lucaya Circle when 40 feet is required for property located on 26 Lucaya Circle.

Granted - no closer than 36 feet from the front yard lot line two frontages.

Case 30-97 Alfred Antinarelli Map 54 Parcel 77A

To construct a garage 18 feet from the front yard on Crescent Street when 30 feet is required for property located on 15 Cary Street.

Granted - no closer than 15 feet from the front yard lot line on Crescent Street - two frontages.

Case 31-97 Craig Newhouse Map 43 Parcel 15

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 to authorize a hammerhead lot for property located on Stone Street.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 32-97 AT&T Wireless Map R2 Parcel 23B

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.2.8.1 to construct, operate and maintain a wireless communications facility; the facility will include a 120 foot utility pole (engineered to hold 3 carriers) with panel antennas mounted at the top and a 12' x 20' x 10' unmanned equipment shelter at 250 Ballardvale Street.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 5.2.8.1.

Case 33-97 AT&T Wireless Map 91 Parcel 119

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.2.8.1 to construct, operate and maintain a wireless communications facility; the facility will include a 120 foot utility pole (engineered to hold 3 carriers) with panel antennas mounted at the top and a 12' x 20' x 10' unmanned equipment shelter at property located at 50-60 Concord Street.

Denied - two communication towers are in close proximity to this location and an attempt to co-locate can be made by the applicant.

Case 34-97 Shawsheen River Estates Map 106

To amend a comprehensive permit issued under the provisions of the HOP Program allowing construction of 220 housing units (Shawsheen River Estates) on property located on Hopkins and Reed Streets.

Granted - amended as proposed.

Case 35-97 David & Ellen Bolognese Map 78 Parcel 38

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct an addition 12 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 53 North Street.

Granted - no closer than 14 feet from the side yard lot line.

Case 36-97 Dorinda George Map 18 Parcel 39

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct a garage 10 feet from the side yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 3 Presidential Drive.

Granted - no closer than 10 feet from the side yard lot line.

Case 37-97 David & Linda Doucette Map 31 Parcel 18A

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding classification of their home as a two-family dwelling for property located on 9 Canal Street.

Denied - affirmed the decision of the Inspector of Buildings.

Case 38-97 Barbara Delaney Map 15 Parcel 14

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 authorizing an existing barn to remain within a reserved front yard for property located on proposed relocated Marion Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 39-97 Velma Emery Map 15 Parcel 13

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 authorizing an existing barn to remain within a reserved front yard for property located on proposed relocated Marion Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 40-97 Barlo Sign Map 57 Parcel 52

A special permit to authorize signage of 281.40 square feet when 120 square feet is allowed for property located at Royal Dynasty, 207 Lowell Street.

Denied - 120 feet of signage was sufficient and complies with the By-law.

Case 41-97 Chester Sullivan Map 35 Parcel 19

A special permit under Sec. 6.1.2.2 to demolish and rebuild a new dwelling within a side yard setback on an existing nonconforming lot at 115 Lake Street.

Granted - no closer than 11 feet from each side yard lot line.

Case 42-97 Gerard P. Brennan Map 35 Parcel 213

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 authorizing a pool to be 12 feet and 15 feet from the side yard lot lines and 10 feet from the rear yard lot line when 20 foot setbacks are required for property located on 28 Ohio Street.

Granted - no closer than 15 feet from the rear yard lot line and 12 feet from both side yard lot lines, for the life of the pool.

Case 43-97 Yvette Huynh Map 55 Parcel 112

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct a deck 12 feet from the side yard lot line and 8 feet from the rear yard lot line when 15 feet is required for property located on 23 Faulkner Avenue.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 44-97 Mariam H. Colucci Map 31 Parcel 5

A variance from Sec. 5.2.3 to construct a single family dwelling on a lot having insufficient width for property located on 3 Canal Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 45-97 Mark & Maria Crosby Map 8 Parcel 39

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 to construct an addition on a nonconforming lot having insufficient front yard setback on Cochrane Road for property located on 16 Sherwood Road.

Granted - no closer than the existing dwelling to Sherwood Road -two frontages.

Case 46-97 Englehard Corp. Map R2 Parcel 20C

A special permit authorizing the use and placement of a storage trailer for a period greater than three months in accordance with Sec. 4.1.7.3 for property located on 201 Ballardvale Street.

Granted - subject to compliance with Site Plan approval.

Case 47-97 Robert W. Murray Map 1 Parcel pt 6

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 to authorize a hammerhead lot for property located on Chestnut Street.

Granted - meets the criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 48-97 Robert W. Murray Map 1 Parcel pt 6

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 to authorize a hammerhead lot for property located on Chestnut Street, Lot B.

Granted - meets the criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 49-97 Christopher & Sandra Sartori Map 54 Parcel 2

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 to construct a porch 12 feet from the side yard lot line when 15 feet is required for property located on 30 Miller Road.

Granted - no closer than 11 feet from the side yard lot line.

Case 50-97 Richard G. Cole Map 16 Parcel 43

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 8.5 to construct a single family dwelling, for a determination of pre-existing lot status, 5.3.2 and for a permit in accordance with the Official Map, 8.3.4 for property located on 24 Pembroke Street.

Pending

Case 51-97 Carl A. Borgeson Map 30 Parcel 56

A variance from Sec. 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 for a lot having 100 feet of frontage and width when 125 feet is required for property located on Hillcrest Street.

Pending

Case 52-97 Joseph & Mart Mullens Map 56 Parcel 44

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 for an addition to be constructed 23.5 feet from the front yard lot line when 40 feet is required for property located on 24 School Street.

Granted - no closer than 23 feet from the front/side lot line.

Case 53-97 Boutwell St. Rlty Trust Map 19 Parcel 38

A variance from Sec. 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 for a lot having insufficient frontage, 103 feet when 125 feet is required and width, 100 feet when 125 feet is required, to construct a new dwelling at property located on Taft Road.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 54-97 Boutwell St. Rlty Trust Map 19 Parcel 38

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1 and 5.2.3 for a lot having insufficient area, 15,802 square feet when 20,000 square feet is required and width, 100 feet when 125 feet is required, to construct a new dwelling at property located on Boutwell Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 55-97 Daniel & Colleen Fonzi Map R4 Parcel 41

To acquired a variance from Sec. 5.2.4 for an inground pool to be 11 feet from the front yard lot line on Blueberry Lane when 40 feet is required for property located on 26 Ashwood Avenue.

Granted - no closer than 20 feet from the front yard lot line on Blueberry Lane - two frontages.

Case 56-97 Sandra Craig & Charles Moyer Map 31 Parcel 31

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1, lot area (24,372 square feet when 25,000 is required) and 5.3.3 (frontage exception lot) to transfer land to neighbor and making this lot nonconforming for property located on 9 Birch Road.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 57-97 Joseph Fiendel Map 41 Parcel 110A

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct an addition one (1) foot from the rear yard lot line and to add two one-bedroom apartments to a second floor for property located on 3 Church Street.

Denied - the applicant did not demonstrate a unique circumstance pertaining to the lot or a hardship.

Case 58-97 Robert Allen Map 84 Parcel 66

A variance to authorize the construction of a single family dwelling 10 feet from the side yard lot line when 25 feet is required for property located on 15 Tanner Street.

Granted - 10 feet from the side yard lot line.

Case 59-97 Joseph A. Langone Map 12 Parcel 4

A variance from Sec. 5.2.1, 5.2.3 and 5.2.5 for a lot having insufficient area, width and rear yard setback for a garage located in a General Industrial Zone at 959 Main Street.

Granted - no closer than 12 feet from the rear yard lot line.

Case 60-97 Wilmington Partners J. V. Map 71 Parcel 16, 18

To amend Comprehensive Permit Case #12-96 to reduce the number of lots proposed from 35 to 28 for property located on West Street.

Granted - amended from 35 to 28 lots.

Case 61-97 Chester Hall Map 84 Parcel 64A, 64B, 89

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 3A Summer Street.

Pending

Case 62-97 Robert Williams Map 87 Parcel 1J

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to allow an existing barn to remain within the required side yard setback for property located on 231 Woburn Street.

Granted - allow existing barn to remain eight feet from the side yard lot line for the life of the barn, and to remove the carriage house.

Case 63-97 Robert Williams Map 87 Parcel 1J

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located at 231 Woburn Street, Lot A.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 64-97 Craig S. Newhouse Map 43 Parcel 15

A variance from Sec. 5.2.2 for a lot having insufficient frontage to construct a single family dwelling for property located on Stone Street.

Pending

Case 65-97 Joseph Langone Map 42 Parcel 33B

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 6.3.5.3 authorizing the expansion of a pre-existing but nonconforming sign for property located at 20 Middlesex Avenue.

Denied - does not meet criteria of Sec. 6.3.5.3.

Case 66-97 Douglas & Lori Stewart Map 27 Parcel 17

A variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct a deck 8 feet from the rear yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on Lot 6 Elizabeth Drive.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 67-97 Omnipoint Communications Map 99 Parcel 132

A special permit to construct a 120 foot flagpole which will house digital PCS antennae along with 7' x 3' equipment at the base for property located on 260 Fordham Road.

Granted - the flag must be either the American flag or the Massachusetts state flag.

Case 68-97 Paul Boudreau Map 96 Parcel 9B

To appeal the decision of the Inspector of Buildings regarding the installation of two electric meters at property located on 20A High Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 69-97 Kevin Foley Map 35 Parcel 2

A variance from Sec. 5.2.3 for a lot having insufficient width for a single family dwelling for property located on Lake Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 70-97 Omnipoint Communications Map R2 Parcel 23B

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 3.4.8 to mount an antenna array on an existing 120 foot monopole at 250 Ballardvale Street.

Granted - in harmony with the general purpose and intent of Sec. 6.8.

Case 71-97 John & Virginia Bonish Map 52 Parcel 32

A variance from Sec. 5.2.4 for an existing deck to remain as situated 5 feet from the front yard lot line when 40 feet is required for property located on 13 Central Street.

Withdrawn - without prejudice.

Case 72-97 Cellco Ptnrshp/Bell Atlantic Map R3 Parcel 50B

A special permit for a wireless communications facility to allow the addition of antennas on an existing monopole tower, additional equipment adjacent to the tower and related site changes for property located on 377 Ballardvale Street.

Granted - with conditions stated in Site Plan approval.

Case 73-97 Margaret Brooks Map 97 Parcel pt 59

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 to authorize a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 59C Salem Street.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 74-97 Margaret Brooks Map 97 Parcel pt 59

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 to authorize a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 59B Salem Street.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 75-97 James Toner Map 34 Parcel 42E

To obtain a building permit for the construction of a single family dwelling on a lot having frontage on a way which is not shown on or made part of the Town Official Map for property located on Grove Terrace.

Granted - enforcement of M. G. L. Ch. 41, Sec. 81E would entail a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

Case 76-97 Craig Newhouse Map 55 Parcels 66, 67

To obtain a building permit for the construction of a single family dwelling on a lot having frontage on a way which is not shown or made part of the Town Official Map for property located on Beverly Avenue.

Granted - enforcement of M. G. L. Ch. 41, Sec. 81E would entail a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

Case 77-97 Craig Newhouse Map 47 Parcel pt 19A

A special permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 to authorize a hammerhead lot for property located on Melrose Avenue.

Granted - meets criteria of Sec. 5.3.4.

Case 78-97 Stan Souza Map 36 Parcel 9

A variance for Sec. 5.2.5 to obtain a 10 foot variance to allow the construction of an 18' x 36' inground pool 12 feet from the rear yard lot line when 20 feet is required for property located on 14 Fairmeadow Road.

Granted - no closer than 12 feet from the rear yard lot line, for the life of the pool.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The following is a summary of the inspections performed by the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1997.

Type of Device	Number Sealed
30 lb. Scales	70
100 lb. Scales	1
Truck Scales	7
Jeweler Scale	1
Oil Meters (Trucks)	6
Pharmacy Weights	94
Gas Meters	155 (8 adjustments)
Fees Collected	$2,388.00

The Sealer also performed 250 weighings of meat and produce. Establishments were also checked for proper signs and price markings.

The consumers of Wilmington may contact the Sealer of Weights and Measures through the Town Hall in order that complaints may be promptly acted on to ensure that consumers are treated honestly.

Council for the Arts

In 1997 the Wilmington Council for the Arts began its second decade in its quarters in the "Old Town Hall" now known as the "Arts Center." In 1986 voters at the Annual Town Meeting decided to develop this old building as a center for the arts. From that time and through the year 1997 the lovely old building has been the scene of many enriching activities. Annual art exhibitions, art demonstrations, concerts, lectures, dance and drama classes, weekly rehearsals of the Merrimack Valley Chapter of "Sweet Adelines," a vocal music group, poetry readings, an Annual Hobby Show and a spectacular "Festival of Trees" with the Garden Club during the holiday season were all presented during 1997.

The Wilmington Council is supported, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The purpose of the Massachusetts Council is to raise funds to be used for community arts. Their objective is to promote cultural resources, to ensure the continued contribution of these resources to local communities, and to involve as many citizens as possible in some aspect of cultural activity. To this end, in 1997 the Wilmington Council distributed $5,879 in grants to applicants. Passes to the Museum of Fine Arts and the Gardner Museum were awarded to be distributed by the Wilmington Public Library. A grant, as requested by the Wilmington Council, to permit their continuation of the Arts Center (programming, classes, art exhibitions and demonstrations, art purchases and upkeep), was approved by the state council.

The Seventeenth Annual Art Exhibition was held on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29. From its earliest days under a tent on the Town Common until now in the lovely atmosphere of the main gallery of the Arts Center, this event has become a yearly tradition and is always well attended and successful; this year was no exception. Three professional artists judged the show:

Jean Colt Hooper of Marblehead. She works in oils, watercolors and pen and ink concentrating on marine paintings. Her memberships include: American Society of Marine Artists, the Copley Society and Marblehead Art Association. The Lyford Cay Gallery of Nassau shows her Bahamian paintings.

Joan Rademacher of Methuen: She is a member of the North Shore Arts Association, the Concord Art Association and the Andover Artists Guild; she specializes in watercolors. Her awards have been numerous and she frequently judges at competitions and demonstrates her painting techniques for art groups. She is represented in many corporate collections in New Hampshire and Massachusetts as well as in private collections here and overseas.

Caleb Stone of Methuen: He was born in Rockport where he began painting at age seven. He works in the media of oils, watercolors and pastels covering New England as well as western United States perspectives. He has received several scholarships and spent three months in Europe on a painting trip producing over 100 works. He will teach in Essex this summer and the Wilmington Arts Council anticipates sponsoring one of his demonstrations at the Arts Center very soon.

The John D. Brooks Memorial Award, given to a Wilmington artist who shows much progress and promise, was given this year to Ruth Camber.

Leda Sullivan's "Oriental Flair" was voted Most Popular Painting. In Watercolors, prizes were awarded as follows:

First Prize to Greg Phillips for his "Essex Marshes."

Second Prize to Neil Clapp for his "Sugar Bowl and Creamer with Spoons."

Third Prize to Louise Anderson for "Splash."

Honorable Mentions were given to: Jane Crane, Madeleine DeSesa, Elizabeth Douglass, Barbara Gesin, David Maison and Susan O'Brien.

Winners in Oil were:

First Prize to Leda Sullivan for "Oriental Flair."

Second Prize to Rita Strow for "Old Irish Farmer."

Third Prize to Elizabeth Bichan for "In the Old Barn."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Marguerite Elia for "West Village, N.Y.C." and to Barbara Groom for "Still Life with Bittersweet." Mixed Media awards were given to Lexie Donahue for "A Few of My Favorite Things," First Place. Also mentioned: "Day's Work Is Done" by Barbara Glines and "Purple Paradise" by Ruth Laider. Honorable Mentions were: "From the Forest Primeval" by Barbara Gesin and "The Goddess" by Hinda Paquette and Gine Cucchiara.

In the Photography category "Vermont Reflections" by Ruth Camber won First Prize and Linda Molloy's "Star-gazer" won Second. Barrett S. Bacall's "Silver Morn" won Third.

Student Exhibitors who won prizes were as follows: Jane Crane, First Prize; Carol Wilson, Second; and Third, Ruth Camber. Throughout the year painting demonstrations were given by local professional artists. They were always free to the public. Those participating were: Linda J. Scola of Medford on January 15; Judythe Evans Meagher of Reading on February 19; William E. Ternes of Sherborn, MA on May 14; Joan Rademacher of Methuen on September 17; Eva Cincotta of Melrose on March 19, and Laura Elkins Stover of Melrose on October 9; Carolyn Latanision of Winchester demonstrated on April 16. Two concerts were sponsored by the Arts Council. Don Bastarache's Big Band on Saturday, November 22 at the VFW Hall in Tewksbury and an English Handbell Choir on Sunday, December 14. In addition to the Choir, Carolyn Stanhope and Bill Merrill lent their talents.

Arts exhibition held every June at the Arts Council.

As usual, the annual Hobby Show run by Mr. Roy Crane was a great success. A bus trip to view "Picasso - The Early Years" at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, sponsored by the Council, was well attended.

The Council appreciates the assistance of town departments under the direction of Roger Lessard and Bob Palmer. They have helped in the maintenance of this great building. Thank you and all townspeople who, by their enthusiasm, keep us going!

Officers for the Council for the Arts are: David Maison, Chairman; Elizabeth White, Vice Chairman; Anne Buzzell, Treasurer; Jane Crane, Recording Secretary and Frances Keough, Corresponding Secretary/Publicity.

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials and provides technical planning assistance and service delivery to its member communities. MAPC works with cities and towns through eight subregional organizations whose members are appointed by chief elected officials and planning boards. The Council provides the subregions with financial, planning and administrative support and offers technical aid on selected special projects. MAPC is a designated Economic Development District of the federal Economic Development Administration and as one of 14 members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program.

MAPC completed another successful year of working with its communities, state agencies, various non-profit groups, universities, businesses, special interest coalitions, state and federal legislators and other regional planning agencies. The agency held at least 15 regularly scheduled meetings each month, eight of which were in different subregions. These meetings plus special workshops, seminars, focus groups and conferences linked together the

hundreds of issues and individuals who are part of the Boston area's and the nation's planning scene. It was this network that provided the energy, vision and focus for MAPC's activities in the region.

After years of concern about the role of local governments in state transportation planning and funding decisions, 1997 saw a landmark achievement in the formation of a new Boston area MPO. The reorganization was the outcome of federally supported mediation, with MAPC serving as a key negotiator for a stronger state/local partnership. MPO voting members now include seven cities and towns, along with seven state and regional agencies, including MAPC. The municipal and regional members of the MPO are responsible for programming about $40 million per year in local road and bridge projects, about one-third of the total funds available for the metropolitan region. MAPC works with communities to develop a list of local projects to be programmed for funding.

In September, the first Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the new MPO. The TIP also included $10 million for "Enhancement Projects" and $3 million for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. As a regional planning agency, MAPC's role in both the Enhancement and TDM programs is to solicit proposals and prescreen them for funding eligibility.

As always, the agency also participated in a variety of transportation related projects. One of the major efforts this year involved working on the Transportation Summit meeting that was held in Springfield. This effort was organized to support the reauthorization of ISTEA and help assure that federal transportation funding for New England is not diminished. MAPC completed a three-year Pavement Management System Project that involved the inspection of all federal-aid eligible roadways throughout the entire MAPC region. A report on the over 3,000 miles of road that were inspected was submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department.

A new project that was organized last year was the Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative. Over 65 environmental and historic preservation organizations have indicated their interest in participating in this effort that MAPC is currently staffing. As part of this project the agency has produced a map that illustrates the development growth in the greater Boston area from 1970 to 1991. The accompanying data documents the results of urban sprawl that has occurred showing a 15% growth in land development with only a 55% growth in population. MAPC staff has also been working with graduate students at the Harvard Graduate School of Design on the potential for open space protection as the region continues to grow. During the past year, the agency increased its association with the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area planning project with the expectation that the agency will become one of the groups officially involved in the establishment of this new federal/state facility.

MAPC produced a number of publications during 1997. This past year the agency published its first yearly calendar with each month displaying maps containing different demographic data of interest to communities in the region and their residents. The Data Center also published a report, Top Employers, which listed, by community, the number of employees per establishment in the region. Other recent projects include a Title 5 compliance computer software application for Ashland and Hopkinton, economic forecasting for several agencies, school enrollment forecasts for several communities and updates to

the community profile series. The Data Center, working with Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts Boston, also completed a collaborative project known as The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas. This atlas provides access via the Internet to information on the 351 cities and towns in the state. All the information can be downloaded.

The GIS Lab completed numerous projects for both individual communities and for the region as a whole. Staff worked with Watertown on developing a tree inventory for the community. They also completed a wireless communication siting study for one of the subregions, an open space update for another and a comprehensive regional zoning report for yet another. GIS staff conducted a number of workshops on parcel data automation and acted as an information resource for municipalities interested in beginning or expanding their GIS programs.

In addition to playing a major role on a number of regional boards and commissions, the staff also applied for and received grants to investigate shared services in one of the subregions and also to help communities deal with the issue of utility deregulation. MAPC continued to participate with the South Weymouth Naval Air Station Reuse Planning Project. One MAPC staff member was contracted to work part time for the Town of Rockland on planning issues related to the base closure and reuse.

In 1997, the agency also completed a project that focuses on opportunities for bolstering the shoreline seafood processing and distribution industries in the Commonwealth, including an analysis of the importance of the industry to affected coastal communities in Massachusetts.

MAPC updated its Overall Economic Development Program for 1997, analyzing the regional economy and economic development needs, and revising the list of projects eligible for federal funds through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The agency administered a Community Adjustment Planning Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine community responses to defense industry downsizing and evaluate defense dependencies of small and mid-sized municipalities. The project included several focus groups and a regional forum. Wilmington was one of the case study communities. A final report on strategies to adjust and diversify local economies in response to reduced defense spending will be completed in early 1998.

Department of Public Works

In accordance with the By-laws of the Town of Wilmington, I, Robert P. Palmer, hereby respectfully submit the Annual Report on the activities of the Wilmington Department of Public Works for the year 1997. This will be my final report as Superintendent of Public Works. I am retiring after 44+ years of service. It has been a pleasure to serve this community.

The Department of Public Works consists of six (6) divisions: Highway, Tree, Cemetery, Parks and Grounds, Engineering and Water & Sewer. The coordinating of all the activities of all divisions allows the town the optimum use of manpower, equipment and materials which control cost.

Highway Division (658-4481)

All regular highway maintenance work was carried out during the year, such as sweeping streets, installing street and warning signs, patching streets, cleaning catch basins, cutting brush along the roadsides, picking up trash along our roadsides, painting and replacing guardrails, repairing broken curbing, painting safety lines and crosswalks on streets, etc.

Safety Projects:

First phase of the sidewalk project for Old Shawsheen Avenue.

Sidewalks: Sidewalks were constructed on Shawsheen Avenue from Ferguson Road to Carter Lane for a distance of 860 feet; Carter Lane from Shawsheen Avenue to school property for a distance of 1,411 feet; Adams Street from Parker Street to near Fairview Avenue for a distance of 1,886 feet; Parker Street from Lowell Street to Parker Street for a distance of 1,778 feet and Glen Road - 100 feet near Brattle Street. The total of new sidewalk construction was 6,035 feet. The sidewalk construction for the above is 90 - 95% complete and will be completed in the spring. The sidewalks on the following streets were installed with a hot top overlay: Church Street from Middlesex Avenue to Rte. 38 for a distance of 4,285 feet; Reed Street for a distance of 2,180 feet and Harold Avenue for a distance of 2,628 feet. The total of sidewalk overlay was 9,093 feet. The construction and the hot top overlay for these sidewalks will improve the safety of the school children who walk to school and will expand our network of sidewalks for the safety of all residents.

Chapter 90 Improvements and Town Funds:

The following streets were upgraded with hot top overlay:

LOCATION	FEET	LOCATION	FEET
Adams Street	2,915	Kilmarnock Street	1,840
Ayotte Street	240	Park Street	4,180
Brattle Street	1,066	Parker Street	2,000
Brentwood Avenue	1,017	Patricia Circle	595
Boutwell Street	4,144	Strout Avenue	908
Cook Avenue	813	Oakridge Circle	1,730
Congress Street	977	Marcus Road	2,315
Crest Avenue	558	Marjorie Road	1,876
Dell Drive	1,794	Miller Road	638
Faulkner Avenue	1,946	Morse Avenue	1,360
Fordham Road	3,714	Nassau Avenue	1,566
Gowing Road	770	Nickerson Avenue	953
Grove Avenue	4,147	Shawsheen Avenue	5,200
Hawthorne Road	230	Westdale Avenue	1,211
Hopkins Street	3,051		

for a total of 53,754 feet. Over 10 miles of streets were upgraded.

The following streets will be upgraded next construction season with hot top overlay:

LOCATION	FEET	LOCATION	FEET
Birchwood Road	1,597	Oakdale Road	2,301
Buzzell Drive	600	Pinewood Road	1,364
Charlotte Road	859	Shady Lane Drive	2,940
Draper Drive	1,560	Sprucewood Road	690
Gunderson Road	1,506	Wildwood Street	5,280
Judith Road	400		

for a total of 19,097 feet.

Drainage: Drainage ditches, systems and culverts were installed, repaired, flushed or extended at the following locations: Hillside Way @ Chestnut Street, Salem Street, Andover Street, Parker Street, Middlesex Avenue, Wildwood Street, Old Shawsheen Avenue, Woburn Street and Congress Street.

Stream Maintenance Program: We have now completed our second year of brook and stream maintenance. A crew of five and a supervisor were hired to clean, by hand, some of the streams and brooks throughout town. The stream and brook maintenance program evolved from a joint effort between the Department of Public Works and the Conservation Department with its goal to restore the quality of the streams and brooks and reduce flooding. The stream and brook maintenance program was a great success and has been included in the FY99 budget for funding. I hope that the town continues to fund this program in the years to come.

Snow & Ice Removal: The Highway Division recorded 48.25" of snow for the winter of 1996 - 1997. The average snow fall is 54.0." The April 1st storm was a very difficult storm, with 19 1/2" of snow. Trees and limbs were down throughout the town.

Tree Division (658-2809)

The Tree Division carried out all regular maintenance work such as trimming, cutting, spraying and tree removal. We removed 29 roadside trees that were dead or interfered with public safety. Hornet nests were removed upon request from residents. The Town Common was illuminated again this year with a fine display of Christmas lights.

Dutch Elm Disease: We removed six Dutch Elm diseased trees.

Mosquito Control: The town contracts its mosquito control out to the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP), who currently provides services to 28 cities and towns throughout Middlesex and Worcester counties.

The project's headquarters are located at 111 Otis Street, Northboro, MA. Tours of the headquarters, or visits to field work sites, may be arranged by calling the office in advance. Telephone (508) 393-3055.

The CMMCP practices Integrated Mosquito Management (IMM), blending state of the art methods and techniques with expertise, experience and scientific research to provide member communities with modern, environmentally sound, cost effective mosquito control.

The Mosquito Awareness Program which is offered to elementary schools in our district has become very popular. Project staff meet with students and teachers to discuss mosquito biology, mosquito habitat and control procedures. Much of the presentation is directed towards what the children and their families can do to prevent mosquitoes from breeding around their homes. Live samples of mosquito larvae are included with the presentation and are left in the classrooms so that students can watch them develop. Slides, videos, handouts and coloring books help to make this an interesting program.

As part of the effort to reduce the need for pesticides, they continue to expand their water management program. By cleaning clogged and overgrown waterways, mosquito breeding can be reduced, wetlands are restored and water quality is improved.

BTI mosquito larvacide is used to treat areas where mosquito larvae are found. They routinely check known breeding sites, but also encourage the public to notify them of any areas they suspect could breed mosquitoes. Field crews will investigate all such sites and treat if needed.

The goal is to handle all mosquito problems with water management or larviciding but it is recognized that there are times when adult mosquito spraying is the only viable solution. In such cases residential and recreational areas are treated with either hand-held or pick-up mounted sprayers.

The project's surveillance program monitors adult mosquito and larval population density and is the backbone for prescribing various control techniques. Rain gauges are set out and data collected by surveillance crews in an effort to predict when mosquito breeding will occur.

The project's video "Working for You" is available to anyone interested in learning about mosquito control and the services provided by the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project.

Cemetery Division (685-3901)

All regular maintenance work was carried out throughout the year, such as mowing grass, weeding, trimming, resetting grave markers, foundations for monuments were poured, etc.

Burials		Receipts	
Died in Wilmington	39	Interments	$51,000.00
Died Elsewhere	51	Foundations for monuments	$ 3,447.45
Non-Residents	51	Deeds	$ 79.00
Cremations	22	Copy of Deeds	$ 0.00
Infants	4		
	167		$54,526.45

Reserve		Trust Fund	
Sale of Lots	$46,419.00	Perpetual Care	$ 44,523.00
		TOTAL	$145,468.45

Parks & Grounds Division (658-4481)

DPW crews ready the Town Common for Spring.

All regular maintenance was carried out throughout the year such as cutting grass, trimming shrubs, marking ballfields for baseball, softball, football, field hockey and soccer. Also, all fields and parks were fertilized.

The Glen Road field's backstops were installed and sleeves were installed on two (2) fields to allow for the installation of chain link fence.

The track at the High School was sealed and painted.

The Woburn Street School ballfields were upgraded. We installed an irrigation system and seeded the fields.

The Little League Park at Rotary Park has been upgraded with new clay and some new sod.

Engineering Division (658-4499)

The Engineering Division assisted town departments, boards and commissions with engineering related projects, such as, but not limited to:

Highway Division: With the layout and construction specifications for sidewalks and with solutions to drainage problems and other engineering related work.

Planning Board & Conservation Commission: Reviewed subdivision plans and made recommendations to the Planning Board and inspected subdivision roadway construction.

Household Rubbish Collection, Disposal and Recycling (658-4481)
The responsibility for overseeing the contract for household rubbish and recycling is a function of the Department of Public Works. If homeowners have any questions or complaints, please call the above number.

I would like to compliment and thank the 60% of the residents who are recycling, and the other 40%, please start! Every ton that is removed from the waste stream and recycled saves the town $120.00 in disposal costs.

Water & Sewer Division (658-4711)

Water: The wells located at Chestnut Street, Salem Street and Town Park were rehabilitated to aid in maximum pumping efficiency. In addition, the Town Park well had an 18-inch insert screen installed to repair the deteriorated existing screen.

The department has continued replacing old, galvanized two-inch water mains with 8-inch ductile iron pipe. This new pipe allows for providing fire hydrants to neighborhoods that previously did not have them. Any resident who feels that their water supply, or fire hydrant location to their home, is inadequate is encouraged to call the Water Department for an evaluation.

A raw water main has been designed and bid to connect the existing Shawsheen Avenue well field to the Butters Row Water Treatment Plant. This project should be completed by fall 1998.

Hydrant markers were placed on all fire hydrants in town. This enables the department to better locate the hydrants for snow removal and the Fire Department to more quickly find a hydrant during an emergency.

During the spring months, a comprehensive water main flushing and valve exercising program was performed. This program aids in removing sediments in the water mains, identifies which fire hydrants need repair and helps ensure that the water gates in the system remain in good working condition. Needed repairs on the identified broken hydrants and water gates are also performed during this time period.

The department maintains and repairs all water mains, services, hydrants, valves, storage tanks, pumping stations and water treatment facilities in the town. In addition, the department removes the snow around fire hydrants and assists the Highway Department with roadway snow removal.

The water rate was again reduced by a vote of the Water and Sewer Commission this year. The previous rate was $2.46 per hundred cubic feet and present rate is $2.29 per hundred cubic feet.

Pumping Statistics:

Maximum Gallons Per Day	4,967,600
Maximum Gallons Per Week	29,933,700
Maximum Gallons Per Month	117,751,400
Average Gallons Per Day	2,892,103
Average Gallons Per Month	87,968,144
Total Gallons Per Year (Treated)	1,055,617,730
Total Gallons Per Year (Raw)	1,155,298,560

Precipitation Statistics:

Annual Rain Fall (Inches)	34.72"
Annual Snow Fall (Inches)	49.25"

Consumption Statistics:

Municipal Use (Gallons)	5,827,189
Percentage of Total Pumped	1%
Residential Use (Gallons)*	561,528,133
Percentage of Total Pumped	53%
Industrial Use (Gallons)	328,442,910
Percentage of Total Pumped	31%
Total Metered Use (Gallons)**	895,798,233
Percentage of Total Pumped	85%
Unaccounted for Use (Gallons)	159,819,497
Percentage of Total Pumped	15%

* Residential use includes all residences and small commercial users using 5/8 inch meters.

** The difference between water pumped and water metered represents unaccounted for water use and consists of water used for flushing mains, main breaks, fighting fires, street sweeping, etc.

Water Distribution System:

The following new water mains were constructed in 1997:

Location	Length	Size	Hydrants
Avery Street & Aldrich Road	50'	6"	1
Aspen Drive	300'	8"	1
Canyon Street	150'	8"	1
Cherokee Estates	850'	8"	3
Elizabeth Drive	1,400'	8"	2
Lexington Street	400'	8"	1
Marion Street	1,100'	8"	2
Mather & Walnut Streets	738'	8"	1
Meadow Brook Road	180'	8"	1
Olmstead Avenue	180'	8"	1
Walker Street	450'	8"	1
Evergreen Estates	800'	10"	3
White Pines Subdivision	535'	10 & 12"	0

Total water mains installed in 1997 were 50 feet of 6 inch, 5,748 feet of 8 inch and 1,335 feet of 10 and 12 inch. There were 18 hydrants and 73 services installed.

Water Department responds to a water main break on Main Street.

Sewer Collection System:

Sewer: The department has added another sewer pump station to its system and is located in Shawsheen Commons. This brings the total number of pump stations in town to three. This station will pump sewerage from this area to the Silver Lake Interceptor. This station will allow for future sewer expansion, if needed, in the west side of town.

Repairs were made to the sewerage collection system in the Woburn Street and Industrial Way areas. These repairs will reduce Inflow and Infiltration into the sewer system, which will reduce the flow to the MWRA. This is a positive step both financially and environmentally for the town.

The Water and Sewer Commission has reduced the sewer rate for the fifth consecutive year. The rate decrease for FY98 was 8.4%, changing the rate from $2.70 per hundred cubic feet to the new rate of $2.46 per hundred cubic feet.

The following new sewer lateral was constructed in 1997:

Location	Length	Size
Broad Street	300'	8"

In concluding my report, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Police Department for keeping the Department of Public Works informed during the winter months of the road conditions, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. weekdays, weekends and holidays and all various departments for their cooperation extended during the year. I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Assistant Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen for their support throughout the year. Last but not least, the employees of the Department of Public Works who made 1997 a very productive year, my sincere thanks and appreciation.

WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Wilmington Public Schools have concluded a successful year of providing a sound educational program for its current students and moving forward with significant plans to improve the system for our future students. In October, a broad-based team of parents, community leaders and educators updated the district's Strategic Plan to guide our efforts over the next five years. Strategies were identified in the following eight areas: student behavior management, technology, professional development, curriculum system, communication, funding, growth management and parent and community partnerships.

Our greatest challenge and opportunity has been the initial planning for the new middle school, supported by Wilmington citizens in a town vote last spring. The Permanent Building Committee and the School Committee have approved the design specifications for the school prepared by Architectural

Resources Cambridge, Inc. (ARC). The school, to open in school year 2000, will house all middle school students. When the new middle school is ready, a district-wide reorganization will occur to make the best use of our school facilities to relieve overcrowding across the system.

To address the immediate elementary space needs, we opened four first grade classrooms at the Boutwell School, using space made available by relocating the pre-school program to Wilmington High School. The "Shawsheen Annex" is operating in newly furnished classes with students periodically joining their peers for enrichment programs back at the Shawsheen.

The Wilmington Technology Plan was approved by the Department of Education in August and we have received a matching grant for $95,000. We have a new Technology Coordinator, Lee McCanne, who is providing leadership in updating the technologies available to teachers and students across the system.

Wilmington Schools have further benefited from the support of various organizations. The Wilmington Educational Foundation reached its goal of $17,500 in funds raised to purchase micro-based computer equipment to complete the high school science computer lab. The Wilmington Rotary Club continued to support the schools through a generous donation to underwrite the costs of the middle school "After School Program."

The community's support allows the professional staff to focus our mission of providing "a student-centered education which fosters critical inquiry enabling the individual to be a productive citizen, respectful of self and others, capable of adapting to a changing world and its technology." As we implement the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and prepare for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System testing, we will continue to strive to educate our students for success in the 21st century.

TECHNOLOGY

During the 97/98 academic year significant strides have been made to create both an administrative and physical infrastructure to support the use of educational technologies. Among the most notable achievements for the year were the following items:

The creation and approval of the Wilmington Public Schools Five Year Technology Plan. This plan which was developed by the Technology Task Force (a group comprising both the school system and community members) outlines the basic vision for technology use and implementation over the next five years.

The hiring of a technology coordinator to organize the implementation of educational technologies throughout the district.

The transition of computer platform at Wilmington High School. The High School had been a largely Macintosh environment until the purchase of 46 Windows PC's for use in the school. Most of the Macintosh computers were subsequently moved to the North and West Intermediate Schools to support curricular materials in Language Arts.

Several of our schools were wired for local area networks during this year, starting with the Shawsheen Elementary School (which spearheaded an extraordinary effort to run a NetDay) and following with the Woburn Street School.
A wide area network was put in place by MediaOne at the end of January 1998. This hybrid fiber/coax network will provide communication and Internet access to all town buildings. This capability, provided through the town government's re-negotiation of the cable contract, will be a tremendous asset to the schools.

Computer/AV multimedia carts were purchased for the middle schools to augment and enhance the curriculum. Recent purchases of new textbooks with included multimedia materials required the purchase of equipment to utilize the supporting educational materials. Two state-of-the-art multimedia presentation stations were purchased for each middle school.

The elementary schools each received five new computers in an effort to expand the opportunity our students have regarding access to technology tools. Each principal had the opportunity to place these computers where they would be the most effective within their building.

Inservice workshops for teachers in the area of technology integration are planned for both the spring term and summer. These workshop courses will enable our teaching staff to best utilize the limited equipment we have to offer our students and staff.

In conclusion, the 97/98 academic year has been one of increased effort and presence in the area of educational technologies. We are preparing our system of curriculum and instruction for a new age education.

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The 1996-1997 school year has brought many exciting changes for Wilmington High School. As we continue to implement the Education Reform Act of 1993, the High School has adopted a new schedule, welcomed additional staff and revised programs. Each curriculum area is experiencing some improvement and revision which includes the adoption of new textbooks, the introduction of new courses and the expansion of present programs. High school teachers have been involved in various workshops and seminars which are helping them to strategize their teaching in the long block. Some of the workshops are also training the staff to incorporate technology into their lesson plans.

Wilmington High School is also preparing for its impending accreditation scheduled for the 1999-2000 school year. Principal Edward Woods and several teachers attended the annual meeting of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges which was held in December in order to learn about the changes in the Standards for Accreditation. The accreditation process is a long and difficult task. A Steering Committee has been formed and all are eager to begin this process. The co-chairpersons of this committee are Mr. Robert Cripps and Mrs. Kathleen Bell. The first step in this process is to prepare a Statement of Purpose. This is probably the most important part of the accreditation process and will be followed by a self-study. All work done during the self-study must relate to the Statement of Purpose.

The academic climate at the High School continues to improve. The Student-of-the-Month program is still a part of our commitment to recognize students for their outstanding efforts and exemplary attitude. There are several academic events in which the high school students participate. In November, the High School Academic Decathlon Team participated in the Massachusetts State Competition of the United States Academic Decathlon. Fourteen high schools were represented at Ashland High School in an all day contest which consisted of seven (7) written tests in the areas of Art, Music, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Sciences, Science and Globalization. The overall standing of the Wilmington Team was sixth place, and many of our team members came away with medals and ribbons. This team will also participate in a second meet to be held at North Reading High School on Saturday, January 31st. The Business Department is also preparing eighteen students for the upcoming DECA District Competition to be held on January 29th. These students will compete in a written and oral test in the marketing education field. Students who score in the top six will be eligible to compete in the State Competition in March. On April 13, 1998, Eric Brassil will represent Wilmington High School at the annual Student Government Day program at the State House in Boston. Mrs. Lesley Basmajian, a member of the Social Studies Department, is the advisor for this program. The Student Government Day is a state-mandated program which encourages students to learn more about the structure of our state government. To become active citizens requires an understanding of the rights and responsibilities integral to democratic government.

The School-To-Careers program, which began last year at Wilmington High School, has sponsored its second annual Job Shadowing Day. This most successful event matched 42 seniors with mentors from local area businesses so that they could connect with the workplace. Participation by businesses and their employees gave the students a valuable learning experience. Analog Devices hosted several students with interests in electrical engineering, computer programming, marketing and human resources.

Screenprint/Dow sponsored two students interested in business administration and accounting. A student who is focused on mechanical engineering was mentored by the members of the engineering department at Lightolier Corporation. The McCarthy Insurance Companies set up a mentoring experience in business management. Teachers at The Wonder Years Early Childhood Center mentored five students for the day in infant care, pre-school and kindergarten. Textron Defense Systems created experiences in architecture, corporate law and international business. Other areas of interest that were explored included speech pathology, television broadcasting, physical therapy and psychology. Continued support from members of the Wilmington School/Business Partnership and their employees made this learning experience valuable and successful. In addition to job shadowing, the School-To-Careers Program has also developed an Internship program. Twenty-three seniors are currently enrolled in this internship course. They are taking classes that help them identify career interests, attitudes surrounding work and understanding their own personality profiles. Together with this knowledge, students are better able to map out their own personal educational plan.

The Business Department is also experiencing technological changes. Typewriters have been replaced with computers and the Computer Lab is in full swing using Microsoft Office 97. All current Freshmen are required to take a Computer Technology course which introduces the students to Windows 95 and Microsoft Word. Other computer courses are working on Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

Our World Language Department is participating in an exchange trip to France. Nineteen high school students are planning for a two-week trip to France and England in February. The first part of the trip will be a homestay in Reims, France, where our students will be hosted by students from Saint Michel High School and attend classes with them. The trip will offer many sightseeing opportunities including a visit to the Palace of Versailles. The students will spend the last three days of the trip in London, visiting Windsor Castle and enjoying the theater in London. In April, a group of 20 Saint Michel students will arrive in Wilmington for a week's homestay. Plans for the group include a day trip to Sturbridge Village and afternoon visits to the State House, the Museum of Science, the Freedom Trail and Quincy Market.

The Social Studies Department is also embarking upon some new and innovative program enhancements. Throughout the second quarter, students in Mr. Carr's World Cultures classes have been conducting research on various countries of the world. They will put this knowledge to use during third quarter when they participate in "Bringing the World to Our Children," a Model United Nations Program which features a series of class sessions that teach negotiation, communication, research and conflict resolution skills. The program was developed by the United Nations Association of greater Boston and is intended to raise student awareness about the United Nations and global issues while, at the same time, teach them practical skills which can be applied to their daily lives. This program will run for three weeks and will culminate in a UN Security Council simulation in which students will represent the countries which they have researched and apply all that they have learned in making decisions to solve an imaginary conflict of global concern.

The Mathematics Department has recently replaced most of its textbooks with new up-to-standard texts. There has been a very positive response from the students. Also each Mathematics classroom now has an overhead projector. The use of these projectors gives the teachers the option of varying instruction. The Geometry classes are enjoying the software which was added to the MacLab this year. Geometer's Sketchpad was purchased and is incorporated into the new Geometry textbook. This software makes the subject come alive for the student. The Mathematics Department also hosted a workshop offered by the Casio Education Division. The instructor demonstrated the newest Casio calculator with TV interface. The TV interface may be used two ways in the classroom. It may be used with students following along with their own calculators, or it can be used to present a lesson. Making use of the calculator allows for many more graphs to be presented to enhance a lesson. For the first time since 1989, Wilmington High School is participating in the New England Mathematics League. This league sponsors contests that are given monthly throughout the school year. During the 1996-1997 school year, more than 1,190 schools participated in these challenging math contests. The goal is to encourage interest in mathematics through problem solving activities.

The English Department has also been busy with developing more strategies and techniques through their participation in various workshops. In December, Sharlene Olson and Peter Murphy, two of the English Department staff, participated in a workshop which presented ways to help students to write well. All members of the English Department, as well as special education teachers, have been trained in the process which was presented at this workshop. Better overall student performance is expected with the implementation of the techniques and strategies which were developed in this training.

A computer lab has been added to the high school Science Department. Along with the computers, the addition of microcomputer-based laboratory tools have been made available to this lab. Through the efforts of the Wilmington Education Foundation, many local businesses made donations which made this laboratory possible. The MBL tools make it possible for students to use the computers for data collection and manipulation. The Science Department is also looking forward to its annual Science Fair which is held in early spring.

NORTH AND WEST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

Both the North and West Intermediate Schools continue to work toward providing our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students with appropriate curriculum materials, after school activities, exploratory opportunities and a developing partnership with the community. This exciting population of young people continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm and we continue to strive toward providing appropriate experiences and opportunities to meet success.

New textbooks and curriculum materials in math, language arts and world languages were implemented raising the standards and expectations of our students. Continuing work toward upgrading our science and social studies is ongoing with study teams examining and initialing improvements in these areas. Schedule changes in the arts, business technology, media and health areas are providing students with a consistent and more concentrated middle level experience. Primary to these goals has been the investment in professional staff development, workshops and course work. Research for better teaching and site-based professional development opportunities continue to enrich the skills and techniques of middle school educators. The strong collaborative efforts of both the North and West adds to the collegiality, exchanges of ideas and positive approaches to the young people at both schools.

Runners prepare to take part in the Bamberg/Warford 5K road race.

The intermediate schools are working with central office, public buildings and parents to prepare our buildings for new technology. A partnership with the town and commitment by local businesses will continue to provide resources to students. Computer access, a media link and strong effort at bringing adult role models such as Junior Achievement into our schools have increased steadily. Our goals and plans remain unchanged as we push toward more student and staff technological resources.

An After-School Program at both schools has been restored providing students with access to school resources after school, health and wellness opportunities and appropriate peer group activities. Transportation and properly supervised experiences are engaging many students and extending their education beyond the dismissal time. Homework assistance and extra help are also after school opportunities at both schools.

North Intermediate National Geography Bee Champion Alexander Stevenson.

These activities add to other successful middle school programs such as DARE, Odyssey of the Mind, Adopt-A-Grandmother, Select Chorus, Peer Mediation and our site-based student activity periods. Those periods provide over twenty-five choices to students including such opportunities as Student Council, Maya Quest, performing arts, academic support, community service, physical education, drama or murals. The variety and interest allows students to be more actively involved and included. Students at both schools continue to come together and share experiences through events such as Team Harmony, Wilmington Family Counseling programs, Peer Learning, field trips such as the class trip to Washington, D.C. or social events such as school dances. New programs such as Junior National Honor Society and proposals for a Math League and Creative Arts will be ongoing goals. The support for all these continue to be a focus of our school councils and school improvement plans.

Lastly, we are intensifying our efforts to address recently approved state curriculum frameworks and preparations for standardized tests and student assessment. Whether time on task, school climate, inclusionary practices for special learners or raised expectations, both the North and West continue to build bridges to our community resources and commitment to its young people!

SHAWSHEEN SCHOOL

The parents, children and faculty of the Shawsheen Elementary School continue to choose yearly themes that focus on the development of social values. This year the theme for the school is Acceptance and Diversity. Acceptance, openness, respect and caring help our students foster respect for differences, accept others and appreciate their differences. Young children develop both a positive sense of their own identity and respect for other people whose perspective and experience may be different from their own. Every child has something uniquely important and everyone is equally a worthwhile individual.

Through the arduous efforts of our parents, the entire school was wired for Internet access in March of 1997. Each classroom has at least one computer connected to the MediaOne Internet access. In addition to internet access, the children in grades one through three are being encouraged to participate in an interactive SuccessMaker program which strengthens the children's independent abilities in the areas of reading and mathematics.

The staff of the Shawsheen School, in an effort to increase their professional abilities and skills, is participating in a systematic training program entitled Understanding Teaching. "We believe that a teacher's skill makes a difference in student performance, not only in achievement scores on tests, but in students' sense of fulfillment in school and their feelings of well-being." Professional development continues in the review of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the studies of how children learn using the theories of Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence.

Reading Recovery Program

One of our staff members is being trained at Lesley College in Reading Recovery. Reading Recovery is an early intervention program designed to reduce literacy problems in an educational system. It is an intensive program for primary grade students having difficulty in reading. Each child receives a thirty-minute instruction program progressing by levels. Success rates are extremely high.

Math/Science Evenings have been an important part of our enrichment extension for parents and students. The evenings of Math and Science exploration, organized by teachers, invites parents to come to the school with their child and problem solve, experiment and discover together. It is certainly a challenging experience for students and parents. Math and Science come ALIVE!

A Student Council has been organized at the school this year. There are five (5) students elected from each fifth grade classroom to form the Council. The Student Council has thirty (30) members, including a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The Student Council meets every Friday to develop leadership, pride and responsibility among the council members. The members represent their classmates' ideas and views, give input into school policies, develop school spirit and set a standard of conduct to support the goals of the school. The Student Council has established a safety patrol to help with morning and afternoon dismissal. Other projects for the year are: community service, beautification of the school, parent tours and assisting with special programs.

Peer Leadership Program

The Shawsheen Technical School sponsors an after-school Peer Leadership Program for students at the Shawsheen School. The high school students and educational staff interact with the students in terms of mentor, coach, role model and support person. Many activities are planned for the children during the afternoon. It is truly a valuable and rewarding experience for both the high school student and the Shawsheen students.

Parent Advisory Council

The Shawsheen School Parent Advisory Council is an active organization supporting the school with an exceptional Enrichment Program. Mini-Grants have been awarded to the staff in the amount of $8,000. There is great support for Educational Field Trips and Family Programs that bring parents and children together in school.

The Shawsheen School community continues to grow. This school year we moved four grade one classrooms to the Boutwell Early Childhood Center making room for four new classrooms at the Shawsheen School and decreasing class size. We have used all our available space for classroom use. The Wilmington community has responded to the lack of educational space by building a new middle school set to open in September 2000. We are committed to helping all children discover and develop their talents and strengths, improve the quality of teaching and technology and to prepare our children for the world beyond.

The Shawsheen School provides each child with an education which will help to develop his/her abilities and capabilities. The main outcome for our students should be a strong academic foundation of language and math skills, critical thinking, reasoning and problem-solving skills and knowing how to learn based on the Multiple Intelligence Theory of Howard Gardner. Self-esteem building of risk-taking, respect and love of learning is a necessary component of the educational day. Both self-esteem and academic achievement are interactive: self-esteem enables perseverance and academic success; academic success enhances self-esteem.

WILDWOOD SCHOOL

Wildwood's Elementary School Improvement Plan emphasizes a positive school climate and positive student friendships as key goals for the school community. The PRIDE Program (Politeness, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Excellence) recognizes students who contribute to achieving these goals, thereby helping themselves and the school at large. A bulletin board in the school foyer further emphasizes the development of a caring Wildwood community. Each month the students from one grade level work together to identify an appropriate theme and create a project that illustrates how that theme strengthens a community. In November and December, the concept of community was broadened to include the larger Wilmington community. Children brought food items to be donated to the Wilmington Food Pantry and the school worked with Anton's Cleaners to provide winter coats for needy children and adults. During the holidays, Wildwood students and staff made donations of soap, toys, clothes and other small personal items to the children at the New England Pediatric Care Center in Billerica. The creation of a caring school community is one step in the development of caring students who will become caring adults.

During the past year physical improvements have continued to be made at the Wildwood School. Many of the windows in the primary wing classrooms and bathrooms have been replaced and new rugs have been purchased for the library and office. Also, new partitions, furniture and counters have been added to the office area. These improvements allow for a safer environment, an improved atmosphere and the comfortable co-existence of the Wildwood School and the Extended Day Program.

The Wildwood School continues to focus on improving literacy at all grade levels. The students are participating in a school-wide reading incentive program, "ABC Challenge," whereby the students are rewarded for reading at home. A well-known children's author, Jerry Pallotta, will visit the students later in the school year and special autographed books will be presented to all children who reach the final goal. Students at all grade levels continue to participate in book swaps to encourage their interest in quality literature and students in grades one and two bring home reading bags with quality reading selections, stuffed animals and reading response journals. A reading night is also featured at the school during which students dress in pajamas, read favorite stories and enjoy snacks.

The staff has continued to study the state curriculum frameworks and is preparing for the state's fourth grade assessments, which are administered in May. The consensus of the staff was to recommend that the professional development committee direct funds to support a study group to address the science frameworks and to recommend additional science materials to supplement the existing program.

Through the district's commitment to professional development, the entire staff has been trained in Research for Better Teaching strategies. These strategies help teachers incorporate the latest brain research into updated instructional practices. The staff has been aggressive in their involvement in other worthwhile learning experiences to improve instruction.

The staff continues to provide learning and sharing opportunities for both students and parents. Some of these shared learning opportunities include grade level plays, demonstrations, book sharing, character role plays, poetry readings, project displays and musical programs.

The Wildwood School Council is implementing an ambitious school plan which was influenced by responses from parents and staff as well as information obtained from surveys. In addition to the goal of creating a positive school climate and fostering an appreciation for reading, the School Improvement Plan recommends the following actions:

- Promoting good organizational skills by purchasing homework organizers and "Quick Word" dictionaries
- Conducting a second annual math awareness/exploration evening
- Offering fourth and fifth grade students the after school enrichment program, "Odyssey of the Mind"
- Presentation to parents to ease the transition from kindergarten to grade one
- Continuing to support students and staff with educational tutors

- Enhancing the physical appearance around the entrance to the school
- Continuing to address concerns about the lunch period and instituting a pay ahead system for the students
- Improving the playground
- Addressing safety and traffic flow at dismissal time

WOBURN STREET SCHOOL

The Woburn Street Elementary School students will explore the Italian Renaissance Era this year. The varied works of Leonardo Di Vinci will be a primary focus. This will be year two of the Art Gallery project that began last year with an exhibit of selected works by French Impressionist, Claude Monet. Students will be involved in selecting several pieces of Di Vinci's work that will be displayed in the school cafeteria, also known as the Richard DeRosas Art Gallery, so named in dedication to the school's recently retired assistant principal. Students will also be responsible for the operation of the gallery.

Children's author Jeffrey Kelly was our "Writer-in-Residence" during the month of November. During that time he worked with fourth and fifth grade students to help them understand the writing process and to improve their own writing. Sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council, the residency program began with an assembly where Mr. Kelly introduced students to the writing process. He told students that he writes from personal experiences such as adventures, accidents and weird happenings. Utilizing his own manuscripts, he demonstrated the stages of drafting, rewriting, editing and completed text. Mr. Kelly then visited classrooms several times to conduct workshops during which he helped students generate ideas. Students then wrote and illustrated their stories. Students will be sharing their stories at the annual Writer's Exposition Evening to be held this spring.

5th grade student, Melissa Esremera, paints her own impression of Claude Monet's Japanese Footbridge at the grand opening of the "DeRosas Art Gallery," at the Woburn Street School.

The Woburn Street School also sponsored an inservice workshop for all elementary teachers with Mr. Kelly on Reading Students' Writing for Content. The seminar focused on teacher feedback, both written and verbal, that can help students clarify their purpose for writing and to write more clearly.

In November, fourth and fifth grade students from Woburn Street and Wildwood Elementary Schools participated in a two-day Peer Mediation training program. Peer mediation is a process of resolving disputes and conflicts with the help of a neutral third party, allowing children an opportunity to work out their differences cooperatively. During this training students learned the importance of being good listeners. They learned to attend to both the disputant's words and body language and to uncover underlying feelings. They learned how to paraphrase and to ask probing questions to gain information about intent, attitudes and feelings. Through role-playing they learned about the importance of impartiality and confidentiality. Throughout the remainder of this year, Peer Mediators will apply their new understanding and skills dealing with real conflicts at our school.

This past fall over 150 parents and their children attended a Grade 2 Math and Science Night. The evening was designed to encourage parent involvement in problem-solving, experimentation, and discovery. Teachers Patricia Coffill and Anne Keeler planned the evening as a PALMS (Partners Assisting Learning in Mathematics and Science) initiative to promote student learning in math and science.

The Woburn Street School staff has been involved in a Technology Study Group. The teachers meet monthly to explore new software applications and share ideas as to how they can be integrated into the curriculum. The study group will continue this academic year to include on-line activities and to explore web sites that will enhance lessons and curriculum units.

BOUTWELL SCHOOL

The Boutwell School opened in September with new and exciting changes within its doors. We sadly said goodbye to our preschool children, parents and staff and gladly welcomed new friends from the Shawsheen School. Four first grade classes from the Shawsheen district came to the Boutwell. This transition helped in alleviating high classroom numbers at all grade levels. Our children were welcomed with banners and balloons on their arrival and first grade students received buttons proclaiming "WE'RE FIRST AT BOUTWELL!"

With the coming of our first grade students came the addition of a full-service kitchen, an expanded library facility and additional support staff. We welcome our new staff members, Ms. Barry, Ms. Foresteire, Ms. Slosek and Ms. LaBossiere, all first grade teachers; Ms. LaCreta, Art; Ms. Callahan, Physical Education; Mr. Alcabes, Music; along with Ms. Mahoney and Ms. Demos in the library. We also welcomed Ms. McDevitt, Special Education; Ms. Geljookian, school nurse; and Ms. Convery in Food Services. A head teacher position was also established, providing an on-site administrative liaison position for the Kindergarten and First Grade Programs. Mrs. Ablove works in this position under the guidance of Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Gorham.

The Extended Day Kindergarten Program, along with before and after school care is now offered at the Boutwell for Kindergarten and First Grade students every school day. This program continues to be a great asset to our children and parents.

The staff at the Boutwell has formed two different, but closely associated, study groups this year. One is focused on investigating extended and full-day Kindergarten Programs. Members have been busy visiting several towns currently having such programs, meeting with Wilmington Administrative Staff and meeting with academic representatives from Boston colleges to gather information and study such prospects in our own town in the future.

Fire Chief Daniel R. Stewart took part in Literacy Month by reading to students at the Boutwell School.

Another larger study group has focused on curriculum revision and development. This is especially timely given Massachusetts Education Reform Act and the new state mandated curriculum frameworks. The goal of this team is to revise our present curriculum to dovetail with the frameworks and current educational practice.

Professional development is always time well spent for staff members. All teachers will or have participated in Research for Better Teaching, which updates teachers in current literature and teaching strategies. Several teachers participated in summer programs including Whole Language Conferences, Literacy Institutes, Curriculum Frameworks and technology training. A Mentoring program has also involved many veteran and new teachers providing additional teacher training and support for teachers in our school system.

Safety is always a primary concern at the Boutwell School. To this end, the children at the Boutwell participated in important bus and fire safety programs in the fall. Lt. McMahon from the Wilmington Fire Department and Officer Shelley of the Wilmington Police Department, provided demonstrations and stressed safety rules and practices on busses, in our school buildings, at home and in the community.

Literacy month in November meant busy days with visitations from local dignitaries coming to our school to read to the children. Staff members visited classrooms, children continued to take books home for leisure enjoyment and books made by the children were displayed at the town library for community enjoyment.

To add to our busy daily academic schedule, field trips to the Shawsheen School for first graders have added a cultural focus. First grade and kindergarten children were invited to the West Intermediate to enjoy a musical

program entitled, A Story Collection-Three Fairy Tales, performed by the eighth grade students. A festive holiday season was highlighted by our Winter Celebration, where all of the children captivated family and friends with traditional, multi-cultural songs.

Assistant Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull reads to students during Literacy Month at the Boutwell School.

Our Parent Advisory Council has continued in its active involvement and support at the Boutwell School. They have sponsored several fund raisers, including gift wrap, a book fair, Papa Gino's Night, box top collection and a coat drive. Monthly meetings are offered and all are welcome.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

As the enrollment increases so does the need for more art teachers. This year the Fine Arts program expanded our department from a two-fifths to a full-time middle school teacher and added a part-time elementary teacher. In the middle schools this year, both the sixth and eighth grades take art daily for one semester. The classes are split in half so the combination of a smoother sequence of learning and increased attention has improved the atmosphere and quality of art work produced.

The State Frameworks for the Creative Arts is still being revised. However, the faculty has been reviewing them and other exemplary curriculums as we continue to revise ours. At our staff meetings we share the happenings in our schools, supporting our endeavors and doing curriculum revision.

Karen Larrabee, at the Woburn Street School, organized an Impressionistic Art Gallery opening and show. The cafeteria is now graced with Impressionist's paintings and reproductions. At the opening, each class was represented by art work that had been influenced by particular Impressionistic painters. The High School Art Department once again participated in the Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo. Not only were two and three dimensional art works displayed but students gave their time towards painting the faces of small children. The Portfolio Class also continued their outreach program at Wilmington Woods Senior Residence. The students helped the residents create their own art work and shared their artistic experiences with them.

The Fine Arts Department has continued to produce a Newsletter called, "Art News" each quarter. This publication contains the happenings around the system and is distributed to administrators and to the School Committee. The High School Art students participated in a three-week study of Racism and Peer-Pressure through the resources of the Facing History and Ourselves Program. They also attended a field trip to the Science Museum to view the Leonardo Di Vinci exhibit. This was in conjunction with the study of Renaissance Arts, in particular Di Vinci, as part of the High School curriculum.

Our students continue to be awarded prizes in various contests but the aim of the program is the artistic, intellectual and personal growth of each student. Learning about periods of art history and artists, art principles and techniques and being supported towards creative production helps students not only develop creative thinking skills but also self-esteem.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

During the last calendar year the Special Education Department received 164 referrals for initial TEAM evaluations and provided special education and related treatment services to approximately 560 special needs students ages 3-22.

The Special Education program expanded its speech and language therapy services during the past year to meet the growing need of three and four year old children who require early speech and language services. The department has added a half-time speech and language pathologist and a full-time communication assistant to provide more therapy time and smaller therapy groups. Additionally, the department has expanded its integrated therapies approach with preschool students combining, where appropriate, the services of the physical therapist, occupational therapist and speech pathologist within the school system's three preschool programs. This is having positive results and providing a holistic team approach to the education and treatment of very young children with special needs.

The Special Education Department has received state grant funding to provide training for special education and regular education teachers in the implementation of our State's curriculum frameworks with special needs students. The focus of the training has been in classroom instructional modifications that are necessary for special needs students to achieve success in the school under the State's new Educational Reform Act. Another focus of these trainings emphasize methods of assessment that appropriately measure special needs students' achievements of standards despite the presence of varying disabilities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Physical Education Department continued to serve all students (K-12) as well as providing an adaptive program for students with special needs.

The Health Program in Grades K-5, under the direction of Mrs. Laura Stinson, has incorporated "Project Charlie" into the curriculum. In Grade 5, we offer the DARE Program, in cooperation with the Wilmington Police Department and Officer Chip Bruce. These programs emphasize the importance of drug/alcohol education through the teaching of self-esteem, responsibility and decision-making.

The Physical Education Department cited several students for Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education for 1996-1997:

Class of 1997: Lisa Chin and Paul J. Heffernan

Class of 1998: Karen MacArthur, Leann Bento, Ian Thomas and Joe Casey

Class of 1999: Eric Hiltz, Greg Moran, Leah Staffiere and Josh Michaud

Class of 2000: Mark Rappoli, Catherine Nichols, Patrick Heffernan and Meredith Cipriani

Athletic Awards for 1997:
Dr. Gerald Fagan Award - "To the Most Outstanding Wilmington High School Senior Athlete:" Sean Kerrigan and Jill Lojek

Lawrence H. Cushing Award - "To the Senior Athlete Demonstrating Both Scholarship and Sportsmanship and Athletic Ability:" Christopher DiJulia and Paula DeCourcey

Harold "Ding" Driscoll Award - "To a Senior with the Most Dedication to Sports:" Bill Tate and Julie Gillis

Alumni Award - Recognizes a former outstanding student athlete who has gone on and continued to demonstrate their commitment to excellence: Dan Ballou (Class of 1993) and Keri Ann Bowlby (Class of 1993)

"Top Ten" Award:

Rank	Name	College
1	Chris DiJulia	Providence College
2	Lisa Crowley	Yale University
4	Joe Bamberg	Benedictine University
6	Suzanne Williams	Worcester State
7	Rob Torrani	Providence College
8	Paula DeCourcey	Suffolk University
9	Jullian Quigley	Jacksonville University

The 1997 Boys Basketball team, coached by Jim McCune, qualified for the State Tournament. The 1997 Ice Hockey Team, coached by Steve Scanlon, won the Division I League Championship. The 1997 Softball team, coached by Paul Lyman, won the Division I League Championship. The 1997 Girls Field Hockey Team, coached by Maureen Noone, won the Division I League Championship. The Girls Soccer team, coached by Sue Hendee, qualified for the State tournament. The Boys Soccer team, coached by Richard Scanlon, won the Division I League Championship, won the Eastern Massachusetts Championship and were State finalists.

SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

The Wilmington School Food Service Department renovated and opened another kitchen, the Boutwell School. We now are operating seven school kitchens. The Boutwell had been part of the elementary lunch program many years ago and when it was closed down, the equipment was transferred to other schools, making it necessary to re-equip and upgrade the facility. Through the cooperation and manpower of the Public Buildings Department, the storeroom was repainted and new wiring was installed. It was a cooperative effort by many and we were up and running the first day of school.

The staff has continued to participate in training, completing the National Restaurant Association "Serv-Safe" Food Sanitation Program. We are always aware of our obligation to be on top of food safety regulations. Other workshops have been offered and taken by the staff.

Our student meal participation has continued to rise. We served 292,864 student meals and 13,366 senior citizen lunches. Lunch is a great buy at $1.25.

We are also in the process, and it is an ongoing process, of analyzing our menus to conform to the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) guidelines and regulations governing school lunches. We provide lunches low in sodium, sugar and fat with many choices for the students.

We will again be participating in Framingham State College's graduate Intern Program. It involves mentoring a graduate school student who is pursuing a degree as a registered dietitian. It is a great opportunity for all of us to share the latest ideas and information.

We continue to provide senior citizens with both meals-on-wheels and in-school lunches. It would be wonderful to have more seniors participate. The donation is $1.25 and they can participate by calling the Senior Drop-In Center the day before or order for a week at a time.

We remain a self-supporting department within the school department. We are able to pay all salaries, including the director's and secretary's, all office expenses, the equipment renovation and purchase, all food and most maintenance costs as well as utilities for the school food service revolving account without subsidy from the School Department budget.

PERSONNEL

The following people retired from the Wilmington Public Schools this past year: Mr. Richard DeRosas, Assistant Principal of the Woburn Street Elementary School; Mrs. Beverly Shea, Librarian at Wilmington High School and Mrs. Lorraine Clark, Secretary in the High School office. The Wilmington school community wishes to thank these people for their many years of dedicated service to the children of Wilmington and wishes them many happy and healthful retirement years.

In conclusion, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the administrators, teachers, parents and students who contributed their efforts to the Wilmington Public Schools during the 1996-1997 school year. A special note of thanks to the many town departments that cooperated with the school system in 1997.

Shawsheen Regional Vocational Technical High School District

School Committee Representatives

Elected representatives of the Regional School Committee are: Mark Trifiro and Peter Russo from Bedford; Kenneth L. Buffum, Vice Chairman, and Bernard F. Hoar, Treasurer, from Billerica; John P. Miller, Chairman, and Alfred Verrier from Burlington; J. Peter Downing and Patricia W. Meuse from Tewksbury; and James M. Gillis, Secretary, and Robert G. Peterson from Wilmington.

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School is one of twenty-six regional vocational technical school districts in Massachusetts. Eleven hundred and fifty high school students were enrolled in comprehensive vocational/technical programs in October of 1997. The school has experienced a major increase in high school enrollment since October of 1992. Over eight hundred adults also participated in adult education courses, of which three adults were enrolled in certificate programs. Shawsheen's comprehensive adult education program is the fifth largest in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, two hundred junior high school students participated in the after school Career Exploration program funded by a grant from the federal government.

Two hundred forty-seven seniors graduated in 1997. Sixty-three percent of the graduating class acquired jobs in their chosen profession and thirty percent pursued higher education. Three percent of the seniors joined the armed services. Shawsheen's excellent graduation placement statistics continued to be amongst the very best in Massachusetts.

Fifteen area colleges have developed articulation agreements with Shawsheen Valley Technical granting students college credit for the work completed during high school. Known as the "Tech Prep" program, this unique approach in developing career paths for students while in high school, maximizes student interest to obtain advanced degrees in emerging technical areas and assures students a career educational path that is both relevant and rewarding. Industry leaders and educational professionals from throughout the United States have applauded Shawsheen Valley Technical's Tech Prep program and have emulated it throughout the nation.

Committed to Student Interest

Ninth graders begin their high school years as inquisitive children and leave our institution as aspiring adults. We are committed to providing a nurturing and challenging high school experience second to none. Upon entering, students spend every other week experiencing and exploring fourteen different vocational/technical professions. With nineteen different programs to select, parents and students select eight of the fourteen areas they are scheduled to explore. Students spend alternate weeks in academic classes. By eliminating

study halls and providing a challenging eight- period school day, students can acquire all Carnegie Unit requirements for entrance into any college of their choice. Unfortunately, interest in attending Shawsheen Technical has grown beyond availability requiring a waiting list of students for the first time in a decade.

By April of their freshman year, students select a vocational/technical profession they will major in for the next three and a quarter years. If they select Plumbing or Electrical, they will earn their 1,500 hour requirement for a journeyman's license prior to graduating from high school. If they select Cosmetology, they will acquire the 1,000 hours during high school needed to take the state examination. Program offerings range from Health Careers to Electronics to Telecommunications to Culinary Arts to Graphic Arts to Welding, and the public is invited to contact our Guidance Department at (978) 667-2111 for a catalog of our diverse program offerings.

In the fall of their senior year, many students begin employment with local companies during their shop week as apprentices or co-op placements. Over 250 area company business persons serve on Shawsheen's Craft Advisory Committees ensuring our curriculum, content and technology is up to date. Meeting twice each year with Shawsheen administrators, these local business persons are amongst the first that hire graduates from programs they had a part in developing.

Shawsheen students participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities. From the Honor Society to the School Play to Vocational Clubs of America Competitions against other vocational/technical schools in district, state, and national competitions, Shawsheen's commitment to providing a wide range of activities for student development extends well beyond the classroom or athletic field. During the past school year over 352 Shawsheen students participated in interscholastic athletics and captured Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships in Cross Country, Girls' Volleyball, Wrestling, Girls' Basketball and Baseball. The Girls' Basketball team captured the Division IV North Sectional State Championship. The Volleyball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Ice Hockey, Softball and Baseball Teams all qualified for state tournament play.

Shawsheen Valley Technical was awarded the inaugural "Walter Markham Memorial Award" from the Boston Globe in 1997 signifying the finest commitment to athletic excellence and sportsmanship. Varsity teams at Shawsheen Valley Technical won over seventy-six percent of contests ranking first in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts compared to similar districts.

Special Activities in 1997

Many activities took place during 1997 that deserve special recognition:

- Shawsheen English teachers created a Language Arts and Literature Magazine on the Internet. The "Ramblings Electronic School Literary Magazine" using front-page software is available for public view on the school's web site at www.shawsheen.tec.ma.us. Students publish research papers, essays and poems on the Rambling magazine. In addition, courses are outlined on the

web site along with student's homework assignments and descriptions of activities taking place in various classrooms.

- A direct T1 line and Pentium server was installed for direct access to the Internet. All teachers are trained on use of the Internet and all administrative and guidance offices were hooked up to the Internet. New computer labs with direct access to the Internet were installed in the Telecommunications/Computer Science Shop and the Automotive Shop.

- Renovations were made to the staff dining room area and the Auto Body Department. A new switchboard/reception area was created at the entrance to the school and a modern computer aided Career Center was constructed in the Guidance suite. A new internal communication system was installed in all classrooms and an external voice mail system was purchased to improve communications between home and school.

- Bell Atlantic awarded the school a $28,000 grant to assist teachers to develop new curriculum using Web page design on the Internet. Cross curriculum learning modules are being developed by a core group of academic teachers in mathematics, English, social studies, library science and special education. Using Front Page software, Shawsheen staff and students were selected as a model to assist other districts in integrating new technologies into school curriculum.

- Microsoft invited Shawsheen administrators to Seattle, Washington to partner in the development of new education products. Mr. James Smyth, Director of Computer Technology, was invited to join Microsoft's national advisory committee on computer technology.

- Since 1996 over 300 employees of the local towns have been trained at Shawsheen in Windows95, Word, Excel and Access. The school remains committed to providing professional development training for town and school employees.

- Shawsheen was selected by the Massachusetts Department of Education as one of eleven schools to assist in the design and development of electronically reporting annual student reports.

- The Shawsheen Adult Technical Institute graduated another Licensed Practical Nursing Class. Thirty-seven graduates successfully passed the state exam and all graduates secured jobs in the health industry at an average starting salary of $17.00 per hour. This tuition program, at no cost to member towns, is a prime example of a school-to-work program benefiting both the needs of our citizens and the business community.

- John Judge, Director of Academics at Shawsheen since 1973, retired and received the annual "Kenneth L. Buffum Award." Mr. Judge was an exemplary educator totally dedicated to serving the needs of Shawsheen's student population.

Community Projects

Examples of the numerous community projects completed by Shawsheen students are as follows:

- The Carpentry Department is building a trophy case for Burlington High School as well as some remodeling work at Burlington High School Library and are helping to revamp the orchestra pit at the High School.

- Our Plumbing Department was able to assist the Town of Tewksbury with the layout and installation of the preliminary plumbing work for the Tewksbury Community Pantry.

- Shawsheen students and teachers from several departments, carpentry, electrical, masonry and plumbing, built a two-story straight front colonial home with a farmer's porch, attic, three baths and five-zone water heat for Tim and Mary Roy of Billerica. Students are currently engaged in building a concession stand at the Marshall Middle School to be used for sporting events. This building will be complete with restrooms, storage areas and kitchen facilities.

- We were pleased to participate in the Wilmington Business Expo sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Our Culinary Arts teachers and students put on cooking, baking and cake decorating demonstrations and served samples of hot foods and freshly baked items. The Cosmetology Department put on demonstrations of the latest fashion, makeup and facial techniques as well as offering manicures to the public.

Each project request is evaluated individually and its acceptance as a school project is based on whether it will meet our educational objectives. All expenses for projects, such as supplies and materials, are borne by those requesting the project. Groups or citizens interested in eligibility requirements should contact Mr. Anthony Bazzinotti, Director of Vocational/Technical Programs, at (978) 667-2111 x143.

Conclusion

Shawsheen Tech's continued success is a direct result of the support received from District Town Administrators, Boards of Selectmen, Finance Committees, Town Meetings and citizens. We very much appreciate their cooperation and support.

TOWN MEETINGS

WARRANT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - APRIL 19, 1997
WITH ACTION TAKEN THEREON

TO: CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON:

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the manner prescribed in the By-laws of said town, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in town affairs to meet and assemble at the West Intermediate School (Precincts 1 and 2), the Wildwood School (Precincts 3 and 4), and the Town Hall Auditorium (Precincts 5 and 6) N.B., Saturday the nineteenth day of April, A.D. 1997 at 9:45 o'clock in the forenoon, the polls to be opened at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m. for the election of Town Officers:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your votes on one ballot respectively for the following named offices, to wit: One Selectman for the term of Three Years; Two Members of the School Committee for the terms of Three Years; One Moderator for the term of Three years; One Member of the School Committee for the term of One Year; One Member of the Housing Authority for the term of Three Years; One Member of the Redevelopment Authority for the term of Five Years; One Member of the Regional Vocational Technical School Committee for the term of Three Years.

QUESTION #1:

"Shall the town of Wilmington be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the sums required to pay for the bonds issued for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new public safety building and a new comprehensive middle school?"

YES_____ NO_____

You are also hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington who are qualified to vote on elections and town affairs therein to assemble subsequently and meet in the Town Meeting at the High School Gymnasium, Church Street, in said Town of Wilmington, on Saturday the twenty-sixth day of April, A.D. 1997 at 10:30 a.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

In accordance with the above Warrant, the election was called by the Town Clerk, Kathleen M. Scanlon at the West Intermediate School, Dorothy Peters, Election Clerk at the Town Hall and the Assistant Town Clerk, Carolyn M. Kenney at the Wildwood School.
All voting machines were opened and the zero sheets were posted so that the candidates could examine them before the polls were opened. The checkers were prepared with their voting lists and voter identification cards and everything was in readiness at 10:00 a.m. and the polls were declared open.

The results were as follows:

SELECTMEN for three years (vote for one)		Voted
Robert J. Cain	39 Arlene Avenue (Cand. For Re-election)	1,698
Gerald R. Duggan	76 Butters Row	1,669
Mark Nelson	78 Swain Road	875
Others		1
Blanks		124
Total		4,367

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for three years (vote for two)		Voted
Susanne Clarkin	39 Reno Road	2,567
Thomas W. Siracusa	5 Elwood Road	1,945
Blanks		4,222
Total		8,734

SCHOOL COMMITTEE for one year (vote for one)		Voted
Kenneth M. McCue	21 Lawrence Street	1,872
Suzanne Spiris Rooney	47 Towpath Drive	2,032
Blanks		463
Total		4,367

MODERATOR for three years (vote for one)		Voted
James C. Stewart	16 Stonehedge Drive (Cand. for Re-election)	3,222
Blanks		1,145
Total		4,367

HOUSING AUTHORITY for three years (vote for one)		Voted
Lillian Hupper	58R Clark Street	2,869
Blanks		1,498
Total		4,367

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY for five years (vote for one)		Voted
A. Mark Zinan	6 Revere Avenue	2,711
Blanks		1,656
Total		4,367

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE (vote for one)		Voted
James M. Gillis	120 Federal St. (Cand. for Re-election)	2,918
Blanks		1,449
Total		4,367

QUESTION #1	Voted
YES	2,123
NO	2,008
Blanks	236
Total	4,367

The results of the election were ready about 10:00 p.m. and all the elected officers present were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk shortly thereafter. *Original total announced for Gerald Duggan was incorrect due to transposition in the numbers, announced 1,696 should have been 1,669. The total number of votes cast was 4,367 which included 273 absentee ballots. The total number of registered voters are 12,983 of which 34% voted in this town election.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 26, 1997
WITH ACTION TAKEN THEREON

With a quorum present at 10:45 a.m. (179) James Stewart, the Moderator opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He then read the names of departed town workers, members of committees and boards who had passed away during the past year and a moment of silence was observed. He then introduced our newly elected and re-elected town officials. Moderator informed the meeting that he would take up Articles 1-12 in order and then random selection would begin. He went over with the meeting the history of the random vote, which was enacted by the Annual Town Meeting of April 24, 1982. Also, in 1996 a survey regarding Town Elections & Town Meetings was enclosed with the annual census and out of the 1,849 people who answered 1,196 were in favor of the random drawing of the articles.

The Moderator then started to read the warrant and was interrupted by Selectman, James Rooney, "I move that the Moderator dispense with further reading of the warrant and take up and make reference to each article by number." Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of Committees and act thereon. Motion by Michael A. Roache, "I move that the town hear a report from the Committee on Unaccepted Ways." Motion seconded and so voted. Mr. Roache explained the Committee was established in April 1994 by a vote of Town Meeting. The purpose of the committee to study the problem of unaccepted streets. There are two hundred forty-nine (249) accepted streets in town - 95 miles and two hundred four (204) unaccepted streets - 17 miles. The Committee found out that unaccepted ways in the town mean different things to different people. Residents expect the town to repair these streets and new residents to the town request sidewalks, only to find out that these improvements cannot be made. Many options were explored. The committee made twelve recommendations. In summary a specific program should be established through the provisions of MGL Ch. 80, for the acceptance of currently unaccepted ways. The town will participate a minimum of 10% in the betterment of any currently unaccepted street or way, petitioned for acceptance by the abutters. A By-law Amendment by deleting Section 8.3.4 was also recommended. He thanked all Committee members and also the Assistant Town Engineer for all their help. Planning Board recommends approval. Motion to accept report voted, unanimously. Complete report on file in the office of Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of previous years; or do anything in relation thereto.

> Motion by Michael A. Caira, "I move to pass over this article." Motion seconded and so voted to pass over.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1997, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may

be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Robert J. Cain, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1997, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17." Finance Committee recommends approval. Seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 5. To see how much money the town will appropriate for the expenses of the town and the salaries of several Town Officers and Departments and determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, or otherwise; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by George W. Hooper of Finance Committee, "I move that the several and respective sums as recommended and presented by the Finance Committee be raised by taxation or by transfer from available funds and appropriated for the purpose set forth in Article #5, each department's budget to be taken up and voted on in the order they appear, subject to amendment, and each department's budget not open for reconsideration until the entire budget is voted." Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Voted
Selectmen - Legislative	
Salaries	2,400
Expenses	11,550
Total	13,950
Selectmen - Elections	
Salaries (p.t.)	9,000
Expenses	3,000
Furnishings & Equipment	2,500
Total	14,500
Registrars of Voters	
Salaries	1,650
Expenses	4,350
Total	6,000
Finance Committee	
Salaries (p.t.)	900
Expenses	6,385
Total	7,285
Town Manager	
Salary - Town Manager	81,161
Other Salaries	225,522
Expenses	48,185
Furnishings & Equipment	0
Total	354,868

Town Accountant	
Salary - Town Accountant	61,030
Other Salaries	104,759
Expenses	2,385
Total	168,174
Treasurer/Collector	
Salary - Finance Director	59,735
Other Salaries	99,743
Expenses	30,100
Total	189,578
Town Clerk	
Salary - Town Clerk	52,562
Other Salaries (incl. p.t.)	45,917
Expenses	1,780
Total	100,259
Board of Assessors	
Salary - Principal Assessor	64,047
Other Salaries	64,054
Expenses	38,100
Appraisals, E.D.P. & Inventories	50,000
ATB/Appraisals	10,000
Furnishings & Equipment	190
Total	226,391
Town Counsel	
Legal Services	75,000
Permanent Building Committee	
Salaries (p.t.)	2,350
Expenses	100
Total	2,450
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,158,455
PROTECTION - PERSONS & PROPERTY	
Police Department	
Salary - Chief	77,230
Salary - Deputy Chief	61,308
Salary - Lieutenants	115,185
Salary - Sergeants	279,564
Salary - Patrolmen*	1,169,132
Salary - Dispatchers**	19,803
Salary - Clerks	58,597
Salary - Fill-In Costs	241,045
Salary - Paid Holidays	75,144
Salary - Specialist	10,700
Salary - Night Diff.	37,900
Salary - Incentive Pay	32,760
Sick Leave Buyback	13,240
Expenses	152,832
Furnishings & Equipment	15,818
Total	2,360,258

* Includes four patrolmen funded $25,000 from Federal Grant.
** Three dispatchers funded $17,071 from Federal Grant.

Fire Department	
Salary - Chief	72,321
Salary - Deputy Chief	56,769
Salary - Lieutenants	237,309
Salary - Privates	1,067,638
Salary - Dispatch Clerks	59,621
Salary - Part Time	7,000
Overtime Costs	175,000
Paid Holidays	75,606
EMT & Incentive Pay	76,175
Fire Alarm Salary	12,280
Sick Leave Buyback	22,674
Expenses	71,800
Furnishings & Equipment	39,900
Total	1,974,093
Animal Control	
Salaries	24,000
Expenses	6,600
Total	30,600
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	4,364,951
PUBLIC WORKS	
Personnel Services	
DPW - Superintendent	77,230
Engineers-Full Time	120,552
Engineer-Part Time	37,842
Highway - Full Time	879,492
Highway - Part Time	13,440
Stream Maint. - Part Time	15,200
Tree - Full Time	84,388
Tree - Overtime	5,325
Parks/Grounds - Full Time	133,585
Parks/Grounds - Part Time	0
Parks/Grounds - Overtime	13,350
Cemetery-Full Time	109,173
Cemetery-Part Time	0
Cemetery-Overtime	7,073
Snow & Ice-Ex. Help/O.T.	127,411
Total	1,624,061
Contractual Services	
Engineer	2,200
Highway	26,490
Highway-Repair Town Vehicles	79,900
Tree	3,000
Parks/Grounds	2,000
Cemetery	4,100
Road Machinery-Repair	65,000
Public Street Lights	208,780
Rubbish Collection & Disposal	1,568,150
Snow & Ice-Repair	16,245
Snow & Ice-Misc. Services	100,000
Total	2,075,865
Materials & Supplies	
Engineer	1,450
Highway	39,000
Highway-Const. Supplies & Road Improvements	27,500
Highway-Gas, Oil, Tires (Other)	63,700
Highway - Gas, Oil, Tires (DPW)	61,130
Stream Maintenance - Expenses	2,500

Tree	6,395
Parks/Grounds	28,400
Cemetery	11,650
Chapter 81 - Maintenance	70,000
Drainage Projects	20,000
Snow & Ice - Sand & Salt	94,000
Snow & Ice - Tools & Equipment	4,000
Furnishings & Equipment	29,600
Total	429,725
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	4,159,251

Motion by George Hooper, "I move that the sum of $4,159,251 be appropriated for the Department of Public Works; the sum of $35,000 to be raised by transfer from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account and the sum of $15,000 to be raised by transfer from the Interest Cemetery Trust Funds and that both amounts be applied to line item Personnel Services Cemetery - Full-Time and that the balance of $4,109,251 be raised by taxation." Motion seconded and so voted.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
Board of Health	
Salary - Director	52,323
Other Salaries (inc. p.t.)	111,573
Expenses	7,090
Mental Health	18,400
Furnishings & Equipment	1,295
Total	190,681
Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Salaries (P.T.)	4,060
Expenses	80
Total	4,140
Planning & Conservation	
Salary - Director	54,911
Other Salaries (incl. p/t)	93,401
Expenses	11,000
Total	159,312
Building Insp./Bd. of Appeals	
Salary - Building Inspector	43,881
Other Salaries (incl. p/t)	66,252
Expenses	4,815
Furnishings & Equipment	225
Total	115,173
TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	469,306
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	
Maintenance & Operation	
Salary - Superintendent	71,509
Other Salaries (incl. P.T.)	1,376,017
Overtime	30,700
Heating Fuel	220,000
Electricity	93,000
Utilities	64,000
Expenses	251,185
TOTAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS	2,106,411

HUMAN SERVICES	
Veterans Aid & Benefits	
Salary - Part Time Agent	6,000
Expenses	1,700
Assistance - Veterans	13,000
Total	20,700
Library	
Salary - Director	40,569
Other Salaries (incl. p/t)	291,182
M.V.L.C.	25,025
Expenses	64,380
Furnishings & Equipment	8,200
Total	429,356
Recreation	
Salary - Director	56,766
Other Salaries (p.t.)	34,880
Expenses	2,700
Total	94,346
Elderly Services	
Salary - Director	46,128
Other Salaries (incl. p/t)	45,491
Expenses	34,265
Total	125,884
Historical Commission	
Salaries (p.t.)	900
Expenses	3,150
Total	4,050
Commission On Disabilities	
Salaries (p.t.)	500
Expenses	250
Total	750
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	675,086
SCHOOLS	
Wilmington School Department	16,363,795
Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School District	1,754,028
TOTAL SCHOOLS	18,117,823
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	
Schools	110,926
General Government	420,225
Sewer	195,339
Water	333,701

Motion by George W. Hooper, "I move that the sum of $1,077,191 be appropriated for Maturing Debt and Interest and that the sum of $333,701 be transferred from Water Dept.- Available Funds and applied to Maturing Debt & Interest - Water Account and the sum of $1,307 be transferred from Water Dept. - Available Funds and applied to Interest on Anticipation Notes and Authentication Fees and Miscellaneous Debt and that the remaining balance of $742,183 be raised by taxation." Motion seconded and so voted.

Interest On Anticipation Notes & Authorization Fees & Misc. Debt	17,000
TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INTEREST	1,077,191
UNCLASSIFIED & RESERVE	
Insurance	379,100
Employee Health & Life Insurance	2,400,000
Veteran's Retirement	20,098
Employ. Retire. - Unused Sick Leave	26,950
Medicare Employer Contribution	150,000
Salary Adjust. & Additional Costs	270,000
Local Trans./Training Conferences	7,500
Out-of-State Travel	1,000
Computer Hardware/Software Maintenance	87,190
Records Storage	1,000
Annual Audit	15,000
Ambulance Billing	12,000
Town Report	6,500
Deferred Teachers Salaries	106,527
Sewer Maintenance & Operations	58,967
Professional & Technical Services	20,000
Reserve Fund	100,000
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED & RESERVE	3,661,832

Motion by George W. Hooper, Finance Committee, "I move that the sum of $3,661,832 be appropriated for Unclassified and Reserve and that the sum of $37,448 be transferred from Water Dept. Available Funds and applied to the Unclassified and Reserve - Insurance Account and the sum of $183,146 be transferred from Water Dept. Available Funds and applied to Unclassified and Reserve - Employee Health and Life Insurance Account and the sum of $10,000 be transferred from Water Department Available Funds and applied to Unclassified and Reserve - Medicare Employers' Contribution Account and that the remaining balance of $3,431,238 be raised by taxation." Motion seconded and so voted.

TOTAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT	17,672,483

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of new and replacement capital equipment, including but not limited to the following items, and further to authorize the sale or turn in, if any, and for the use of the department so designated and to determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof:

(a) Police Department
Replacement of four police cruisers.

Motion by Michael J. Newhouse, "I move that the town vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of $84,360 for the purchase of four (4) replacement police cruisers for the Police Department, and further to authorize the sale or turn in, if any, of said replaced vehicles." The Finance Committee recommends approval of four cruisers. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously $84,360.

(b) Public Buildings Department
Purchase of one (1) replacement van truck and purchase of one (1) replacement heavy duty pick-up truck.

Motion by Daniel C. Wandell, "I move that the town vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of $40,737 for the purchase of one (1) replacement van truck and purchase of one (1) replacement heavy duty pick-up truck for the Public Bldgs. Dept. and further to authorize the sale or turn in, if any, of said replaced equipment." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $40,737.

(c) Department of Public Works
Purchase of one (1) replacement one ton dump truck.

Motion by Michael V. McCoy, "I move that the sum of $28,206 be appropriated by transfer from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account for the purchase of one (1) replacement of one ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works, and further to authorize the sale or turn in, if any, of said replaced equipment." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $28,206.

(d) Department of Public Works
Purchase of one (1) replacement rotary mower with attachments.

Motion by James J. Rooney, "I move that the town vote to transfer the sum of $50,000 from Fiscal Year 1997 Public Works, Personnel Services - Snow and Ice Salaries and $7,965 from Public Works, Contractual Services - Snow and Ice Expenses the entire amount being $57,965 for the purpose of purchasing one (1) replacement rotary mower with attachments for the Department of Public Works, and further to authorize the sale or turn in, if any, of said replaced vehicle." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted $57,965.

(e) School Department
Purchase of one (1) handicapped accessible mini-van.

Motion by Robert J. Cain, "I move that the town vote to transfer the sum of $33,116 from Fiscal Year 1997 Public Works, Contractual Services - Snow and Ice Expenses for the purpose of purchasing one (1) handicapped accessible mini-van for the School Department." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $33,116.

(f) Elderly Services Department
Purchase of one (1) handicapped accessible mini-van.

Motion by Michael J. Newhouse, "I move that the town vote to accept from the Wilmington Sons of Italy as a gift the sum of $33,116 for the purchase of one (1) handicapped accessible mini-van for the Elderly Services Department." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $33,116. Moderator and Town Meeting thanked Sons of Italy for their generous gift.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace a section of roof at the Woburn Street School and to determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Daniel C. Wandell, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate by way of transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of $35,000 for the purpose of replacing a section of roof at the Woburn Street School." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $35,000.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the resurfacing of the High School track and to determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael V. McCoy, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate by way of transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of $19,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the High School track." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $19,000.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of upgrading town facilities as identified in the town's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan on file in the Office of the Town Manager, such upgrades to include renovations to the second floor restrooms in the Wilmington Memorial Library and to determine how the same shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by James J. Rooney, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate by way of transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of $16,170 for the purpose of upgrading town facilities as identified in the town's Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan on file in the Office of the Town Manager, such upgrades to include renovations to the second floor restrooms in the Wilmington Memorial Library." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $16,170.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to upgrade the fire alarm system at the West Intermediate School and to determine how the same shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Robert J. Cain, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate by way of transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of $52,500 for the purpose of upgrading the fire alarm system at the West Intermediate School." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $52,500.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the Department of Public Works, Chapter 90 Construction Fund Account; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael J. Newhouse, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate from Chapter 90 Construction Funds the sum of $577,122 to the Department of Public Works, Chapter 90 Construction Fund Account." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously, $577,122.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Fiscal Year 1997 budget, a sum or sums of money for the operation of various town departments and expenses; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael A. Caira, "I move that the town vote to transfer from the Fiscal Year 1997 budget, the sum of $10,000 from Maturing Debt and Interest - Authentication Fees and Miscellaneous Debt; the sum of $20,000 from Public Works - Contractual Services - Public Street Lights; the sum of $15,000 from Public Buildings Salaries - Other; and the sum of $200,000 from Unclassified and Reserve - Insurance, the entire amount being $245,000, to the following Fiscal Year 1997 Accounts:

Unclassified and Reserve, Employee Health and Life Insurance	$235,000
Public Buildings - Expenses - HVAC Repairs"	10,000

Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. (drawn #2) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds, without further appropriation, allotted to Wilmington by the United States Federal Government under any Federal Grant Program and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under any State Grant Program; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Daniel C. Wandell, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds, without further appropriation, allotted to Wilmington by the United States Federal Government under any Federal Grant Program and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under any State Grant Program." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 14. (drawn #1) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of undertaking priority elements of a Comprehensive (Master) Plan and further to determine how the same shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Jay Tighe, "I move that the town vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of $30,000 for the purpose of undertaking priority elements of a Comprehensive (Master) Plan as identified by the report of the Master Plan Advisory Committee dated January 1997 and on file in the Office of the Town Manager." Carole Hamilton from Planning Board explained the need for this study. To establish goals and objectives for the community, a land use component, not necessarily to restrict use but to establish a plan for the future and to look at vacant land and its use. This is a good first step. Selectmen James Rooney stated the Town Manager has also applied for grant money from the state to assist in this study. Planning Board and Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, $30,000.

ARTICLE 15. (drawn as #8) To see if the town will accept as town ways, the layout of the following described streets, as recommended by the Planning Board and laid out by the Selectmen (M.G.L. Ch. 82 as amended) and shown on Definitive Subdivision plans approved in accordance with the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in the Town of Wilmington,

Massachusetts," and which plans are recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds (M.N.R.D.), copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Selectmen to take by right of eminent domain or accept as a gift such land, slope and drainage or other easements as may be necessary to effect the purpose of this Article, and to determine how an appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation or by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise for the purpose of constructing said ways and for the payment of any damages from the taking of land and slope easements and other easements or other related costs therefore:

a. Ashwood Avenue - From Andover Street a distance of 2,300 feet, more or less, westerly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Whitefield Elm Village, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 166, Plan 50 on September 14, 1988, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Alexander Crucioli, R.L.S. dated November 15, 1996.

b. Blueberry Lane - From Ashwood Avenue a distance of 1,600 feet, more or less, easterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Whitefield Elm Village, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 166, Plan 50 on September 14, 1988, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Alexander Crucioli, R.L.S. dated November 15, 1996.

c. Castle Drive - From Burlington Avenue a distance of 1,325 feet, more or less, northeasterly in a curve to the left to Burlington Avenue, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Stonehedge Estates, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 120 on April 8, 1994, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. dated November 27, 1996.

d. Colonial Drive - From Middlesex Avenue a distance of 375 feet, more or less, northwesterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Colonial Drive, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 190, Plan 135 on March 27, 1996, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Lakeview Engineering dated December 12, 1996.

e. Cottonwood Circle - From Blueberry Lane a distance of 280 feet, more or less, southerly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Whitefield Elm Village, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 166, Plan 50 on September 14, 1996, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Alexander Crucioli, R.L.S. dated November 15, 1996.

f. Dogwood Lane - From Blueberry Lane a distance of 550 feet, more or less, northeasterly to Ashwood Avenue, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Whitefield Elm Village, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 166, Plan 50 on September 14, 1988, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Alexander Crucioli, R.L.S. dated February 2, 1996.

g. Meadow Lane - From Meadow Lane a distance of 115 feet, more or less, northerly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive plan, entitled Meadow Lane Extension, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 179, Plan 49 on August 19, 1992, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by P.J.F. and Associates dated March 5, 1996.

h. Nottingham Drive - from Stonehedge Drive a distance of 480 feet, more or less, northwesterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Stonehedge Estates II, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 189 Plan 67 on September 7, 1995, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Stephen M. Melesicu, P.L.S. dated February, 1997.

i. Reading Avenue - from Faulkner Avenue a distance of 160 feet, more or less, northwesterly to a dead-end, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Reading Avenue, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Land Court Document No. 157012 on December 7, 1994, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Troy, Mede & Associates dated December 5, 1996.

j. Somerset Place - from Mystic Avenue a distance of 878 feet, more or less, easterly through a cul-de-sac as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Somerset Estates, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 189 Plan 64 on September 7, 1995, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. dated November 19, 1996.

k. Stonehedge Drive - from Castle Drive a distance of 1,400 feet, more or less, northerly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Stonehedge Estates, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184 Plan 120 on April 8, 1994, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. dated November 27, 1996.

l. Wedgewood Avenue - from Wedgewood Avenue a distance of 75 feet, more or less, southeasterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Wedgewood Avenue Extension, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 173 Plan 144 on August 22, 1990, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Troy, Mede & Associates dated July 7, 1995.

or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael V. McCoy, "I move that the town accept as town ways, the layout of the following described streets, as recommended by the Planning Board and laid out by the Selectmen (M.G.L. Ch. 82 as amended) and shown on Definitive Subdivision plans approved in accordance with the 'Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts,' and which plans are recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds (M.N.R.D.), copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and to authorize the Selectmen to take by right of eminent domain or accept as a gift such land, slope and drainage or other easements as may be necessary to effect the purpose of this Article, and to vote to raise by taxation the sum of $300 for the purpose of constructing said ways and for the payment of any damages from the taking of land and slope easements and other easements or other related costs therefore."

a. Castle Drive - From Burlington Avenue a distance of 1,325 feet, more or less, northeasterly in a curve to the left to Burlington Avenue, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Stonehedge Estates, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184, Plan 120 on April 8, 1994, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. dated November 27, 1996.

b. Colonial Drive - From Middlesex Avenue a distance of 375 feet, more or less, northwesterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Colonial Drive, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 190, Plan 135 on March 27, 1996, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Lakeview Engineering dated December 12, 1996.

c. Dogwood Lane - From Blueberry Lane a distance of 550 feet, more or less, northeasterly to Ashwood Avenue, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Whitefield Elm Village, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 166, Plan 50 on September 14, 1988, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Alexander Crucioli, R.L.S. dated February 2, 1996.

d. Meadow Lane - From Meadow Lane a distance of 115 feet, more or less, northerly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive plan, entitled Meadow Lane Extension, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 179, Plan 49 on August 19, 1992, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by P.J.F. and Associates dated March 5, 1996.

e. Nottingham Drive - from Stonehedge Drive a distance of 480 feet, more or less, northwesterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Stonehedge Estates II, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 189 Plan 67 on September 7, 1995, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Stephen M. Melesicu, P.L.S. dated February, 1997.

f. Reading Avenue - from Faulkner Avenue a distance of 160 feet, more or less, northwesterly to a dead-end, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Reading Avenue, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Land Court Document No. 157012 on December 7, 1994, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Troy, Mede & Associates dated December 5, 1996.

g. Stonehedge Drive - from Castle Drive a distance of 1,400 feet, more or less, northerly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Stonehedge Estates, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 184 Plan 120 on April 8, 1994, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc. dated November 27, 1996.

h. Wedgewood Avenue - from Wedgewood Avenue a distance of 75 feet, more or less, southeasterly through a cul-de-sac, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan entitled Wedgewood Avenue Extension, and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 173 Plan 144 on August 22, 1990, and as shown on a street acceptance plan prepared by Troy, Mede & Associates dated July 7, 1995.

This article eliminates four streets, Ashwood Avenue, Blueberry Lane, Cottonwood Circle, and Somerset Place and adds $300 amount. Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as recommended by the Planning Board. Planning Board recommends approval as amended. Motion seconded and voted, unanimously, $300.

ARTICLE 16. (drawn as #24) To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new comprehensive middle school, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether to raise this appropriation by borrowing or otherwise; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Paul Palizzolo, "I move that the sum of $25,600,000 be appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new comprehensive middle school, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $25,600,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, which may include Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefore." Finance Committee recommends approval. School Committee, Chmn. Paul Palizzolo spoke as to the need for the school. Students have increased from 2,900-3,400. The state will pay 65% of the cost. The 150,000 square foot middle school will be built across the street from the West Intermediate School. Officials estimate school should be completed in the year 2000. Many residents spoke for and against the project. After one hour discussion, motion was made and seconded to move the question. Voted Yes 720 No 3. Permanent Building Committee, School Committee, and Finance Committee agree this is the right decision to build a new school. Vote was taken at 4:30 p.m. Yes 567 No 100. Article is approved. After vote on article Judson Miller, School Committee made a motion for reconsideration of the article. Town Manager Michael Caira, urged voters at Town Meeting not to vote for reconsideration and remain at meeting and support the other articles as a community. Reconsideration motion was withdrawn.

ARTICLE 17. (drawn as #26) To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new public safety building, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether to raise this appropriation by borrowing or otherwise; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Robert J. Cain, "I move that the sum of $6,000,000 be appropriated for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new public safety building, including costs incidental and related thereto, and that to raise this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $6,000,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefore." Finance Committee recommends approval. Police Department now has forty-seven staff members, some of which are housed at the Swain School because of lack of accommodations at the Police Station. Building is badly overcrowded. Fire Station is also badly in need of new facilities. New public safety building will be built beside present Police Station. Discussion followed about the location, traffic, design of building, and sub-station in North Wilmington. Motion to move the question was voted, unanimously. Main motion so voted Yes 476 No 18, $6,000,000.

ARTICLE 18. (drawn as #9) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of sewers, sewer pump stations, sewage systems and disposal facilities known as the Lowell Street Sewer Project, and to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners to acquire interests in land and/or buildings whether by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, and to authorize the assessment of betterments, all in accordance with General Laws Chapter 297 of the Acts of 1958 and all Acts in amendment and in addition thereto and other General or Special Laws hereto enabling; to determine whether said funds shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, or by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, or by any combination thereof; and to authorize the Board of

Water and Sewer Commissioners and/or the Board of Selectmen to apply for any federal and state aid and to receive gifts which may be available as contributions to be applied toward the cost of the project; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Noel D. Baratta, "I move that the town vote to appropriate the sum of $1,430,000 for the construction of sewers, sewer pumping stations, sewage systems and disposal facilities known as the Lowell Street Sewer Project, a copy of said plans are on file at the Office of the Water and Sewer Commission, and to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners to acquire interests in land whether by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, and to direct the assessment of 85% of the cost of construction by betterments, all in accordance with General Laws Chapter 297 of the Acts of 1958 and all Acts in amendment and in addition thereto and other General or Special Laws hereto enabling; said funds to be raised by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, and to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and/or the Board of Selectmen to apply for any federal and state aid and to receive gifts which may be available as contributions to be applied toward the cost of the project." Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Baratta stated this would provide sewer from Shell Station on Lowell St. to just beyond the Ski Haus on Lowell St. and would be done while the DPW is doing reconstruction work on Lowell St. This would help with the expense of the project. He stated 85% of the cost would be under betterments to the abutters. They had five public hearings and almost all who attended supported the project. Many residents spoke against the article, because of cost and changing the character of the street and worried about more strip malls. Conrad Gerhartz stated we should wait for sewer impact study before any more sewer is constructed. Motion to move the question voted unanimously. Main motion seconded and so voted. Yes 159 No 211 Motion fails. Article defeated.

ARTICLE 19. (drawn #6) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of preparing a Town-wide Environmental Impact study and associated Sewer Master Plan update, and further to determine how the same shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

"I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate from Available Funds - Sewer the sum of $119,400 for the purpose of preparing a Town-wide Environmental Impact Study and associated Sewer Master Plan update." Motion seconded. Finance Committee recommends approval. Mr. Baratta stated town needs a complete environmental impact study if we wish to continue to sewer the town. Present plan has not been updated for fifteen years. The study will not tell the town it cannot expand its system but will tell the possible impact on the water system. Voters agreed. Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 20. (drawn #27) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Town Manager to lease, as may be determined by them, particular parcels of land for access, and egress and for attachment to water storage towers situated on said parcels for the sole purpose of erecting, operating and maintaining wireless radio or cellular telephone antennae and other pertinent equipment all in accordance with Chapter 30B of the General Laws of Massachusetts; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Noel Baratta, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners and the Town Manager to lease, as may be determined by them, particular parcels of land for access, and egress and for attachment to water storage towers situated on said parcels for the sole purpose of erecting, operating and maintaining wireless radio or cellular telephone antennae and other pertinent equipment all in accordance with Chapter 30B of the General Laws of Massachusetts." Finance Committee recommends approval. This article will have no cost to the community and will generate revenue. Motion seconded and so voted. Yes 470 No 1. So voted.

ARTICLE 21. (drawn as #17) To see if the town will vote to authorize the acceptance of certain real and personal property including but not limited to the pumping station and all connecting appurtenances and easements shown on a plan known as Shawsheen Estates as recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds and further shown on Assessors Map 106, Parcel 81 together with all easements connected thereto; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Noel Baratta, "I move that the town vote to authorize the acceptance of certain real and personal property, including but not limited to the pumping station and all connecting appurtenances and easements, shown on a plan known as Shawsheen Estates as recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds and further shown on Assessors Map 106, Parcel 81 together with all easements connected thereto." Finance Committee recommends approval. This article will accept the pumping station at Shawsheen Estates as town property. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. (drawn #20) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to continue in force the Revolving Fund as established at the Special Town Meeting of December 4, 1995 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for a Compost Bin Recycling Program and further to establish a spending limit for said account; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by James J. Rooney, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to continue in force the Revolving Fund as established at the Special Town Meeting of December 4, 1995 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for a Compost Bin Recycling Program and to transfer all funds accumulated from the sale of compost bins to said revolving fund and to authorize the Town Manager or Treasurer to expend such funds and further to establish a spending limit of not more than $4,500 for said account." This article continues a program already in effect and provides a spending limit. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 23. (drawn #32) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for the observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and that the Moderator appoint a committee which shall arrange and have charge of said observances; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael J. Newhouse, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for the observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and that the Moderator appoint a committee who shall arrange and have charge of said observances." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 24. (drawn #10) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 each (a total of $2,250) for the purpose of renewing under the authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, the lease of:

a. Veterans of Foreign Wars Clubhouse on Main Street for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Nee- Ellsworth Post 2458 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;

b. Marine Corp League in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Chapter;

c. American Legion Clubhouse, Inc. in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Post 136 of the American Legion; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Daniel C. Wandell, "I move that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 each (a total of $2,250) for the purpose of renewing under the authority of Section 9 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended, the lease of:

a. Veterans of Foreign Wars Clubhouse on Main Street for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Nee-Ellsworth Post 2458 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;

b. Marine Corp League in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Chapter;

c. American Legion Clubhouse, Inc. in Wilmington for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Wilmington Post 136 of the American Legion; or do anything in relation thereto." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 25. (drawn #31) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing senior citizen real estate tax payment vouchers for services rendered to the town in accordance with the town's Senior Citizen Tax Work-Off Program; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael V. McCoy, "I move that the town vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of $10,000 for the purpose of providing senior citizen real estate tax payment vouchers for services rendered to the town in accordance with the town's Senior Citizen Tax Work-Off Program." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 26. (drawn #3) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA) to provide bus service through and in the confines of the Town of Wilmington and to authorize them to negotiate and contract for such service and further to see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, if necessary, for the purpose of providing said bus service to the residents of Wilmington, and to determine how the same shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by James J. Rooney, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Selectmen and Town Manager to enter into an agreement or agreements to provide bus service through and in the confines of the Town of Wilmington and to authorize them to negotiate and contract for such services and further to see if the town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Available Funds - Free Cash the sum of $73,000." Finance Committee recommends disapproval. Moderator noted the changes in motion. Mr. Rooney stated this bus would serve Wilmington residents. Route would be from Silver Lake Pharmacy on Route 38 to DeMoulas Plaza to Wilmington Center, to Rt. 62 to Deming Way and then to Burlington Rt. 62 to Rt. 3A meeting with the Green line to Boston. On return trip Rt. 62 to Rt. 38 to Lucci's Plaza. Not yet decided exactly the return trip, to Senior Center or back to Rt. 38 to DeMoulas Plaza. Cost would be 35 cents for Seniors and other riders 70 cents. This would be one year pilot program, and bus is handicapped-accessible. Bus would run 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Cain, he has a different opinion, this would also provide service for people from Tewksbury and Lowell to the train station. We don't need this service. Others stated MBTA has at the present time a handicapped-accessible van that will come to peoples homes to take them where they need to go. Finance Committee member George Hooper stated Wilmington pays $417,000 to MBTA now and with more commuters, this assessment could increase. Mr. Newhouse stated this has nothing to do with extension of service to Tewksbury line, it is local bus service only. Motion seconded and defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE 27. (drawn #5) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money as matching funds necessary to enable the town to participate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Lake and Pond Grants Program and to determine how the same shall be raised whether by taxation, transfer, borrowing, or any combination thereof; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael J. Newhouse, "I move that the town vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum $10,000 as matching funds necessary to enable the town to participate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management Lake and Pond Grants Program." Finance Committee recommends approval. This would enable the town to participate in this program if grant application receives favorable review. Motion by John DeMarco, amends contingent upon the town securing state matching funds. Anne Linehan stated this is a good proposal. Motion as amended seconded and so voted, $10,000.

ARTICLE 28. (drawn #18) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to continue in force the Revolving Fund as established at the Annual Town Meeting of April 22, 1995 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the purpose of receiving monies from the Environmental Trust or the Department of Environmental Protection to be used for the repair and upgrade of subsurface sewage disposal systems under Title 5; and additionally, to receive monies from betterments and other loan repayments to the town from property owners participating in said program; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Robert J. Cain, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Treasurer to continue in force the Revolving Fund as established at the Annual Town Meeting of April 22, 1995 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the purpose of receiving monies from the Environmental Trust or the Department of Environmental Protection to be used for the repair and upgrade of subsurface sewage disposal systems under Title 5; and additionally, to receive monies from betterments and other loan repayments to the town from property owners participating in said Program; and further to authorize the Board of Health with the

approval of the Town Manager to administer and expend such funds received for the purposes of repairing and upgrading subsurface sewage disposal systems under Title 5 in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental Protection." Finance Committee recommends approval. This would allow Treasurer to continue the revolving fund for the repair and upgrade of septic systems under Title 5 regulations. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 29. (drawn #28) To see if the town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington by adding Section 41 to Chapter 5 Public Regulations as follows:

Section 41: Regulation of Utility Poles
No public or private organization or utility company shall place or allow more than one utility pole to exist within five feet of another utility pole on any public or private way within the Town of Wilmington, without the prior written permission of the Selectmen, which permission may contain conditions.

Following a public hearing, the Selectmen may issue an order for the removal, relocation or alteration of any utility pole or poles in excess of one at any given location, upon the determination that more than one utility pole at any given location presents a nuisance, hazard or threat to the public safety, welfare or convenience to the inhabitants of the town..

Any organization or utility company which owns or is responsible for a utility pole or poles subject to any order issued by the Selectmen shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of any such order within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of its issuance unless such period is extended by the Selectmen in its sole and absolute discretion. In the event of noncompliance with the terms of any order issued by the Selectmen, the Selectmen may take whatever enforcement action it deems appropriate, including, without limitation; the imposition of a fine of up to three hundred ($300.00) dollars per day for each day of noncompliance; the application for an injunction restraining the continued existence of any such pole or poles subject to such order; and any other penalties, impositions or relief as the Selectmen may deem necessary; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by James J. Rooney, "Motion reads the same as above with the addition of last sentence in first paragraph which reads: There is excepted from this provision the emergency replacement of a damaged utility pole." Town Manager stated this By-law was brought before Town Meeting because the utility companies were not responding to the town's requests to remove double poles. Town Counsel Alan Altman stated he would expect this By-law to be approved by the Attorney General. Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 30. (drawn #21) To see if the town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Section 17, Chapter 2 Town Meetings-Determination of Vote by deleting (in case only a majority is required) and substituting the following (applicable to a majority or two-thirds vote); or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Daniel C. Wandell, "I move that the town vote to amend the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Section 17, Chapter 2 Town Meetings - Determination of Vote by deleting '(in case only a majority is required)' and substituting the following "(applicable to

a majority or two-thirds vote)." This article would allow the Town Moderator to declare the results of a two-thirds vote after only a voice vote, instead of taking a standing vote when the results are apparent. Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted. Yes 342 No 61.

ARTICLE 31. (drawn #14) To see if the town will vote to amend the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington by amending Section 10 of Chapter 3 Sale of Personal Property of the Town Not Over $500 by deleting $500 and substituting therefore $10,000; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael V. McCoy, "I move that the town vote to amend the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington by amending Section 10 of Chapter 3 Sale of Personal Property of the Town Not Over $500 by deleting $500 and substituting therefore $10,000." Finance Committee recommends approval. This By-law would permit disposal of surplus property without Town Meeting vote from the present $500 to maximum of $10,000. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 32. (drawn #30) To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington in order to regulate the location, aesthetics and construction of wireless communications facilities, satellite dishes and antennas by taking the following actions:

1. Add a new Section 6.8 Wireless Communications Facilities as follows:

6.8.1 Purpose
The purpose of these regulations is to minimize adverse impacts of wireless communications facilities, satellite dishes and antennas on adjacent properties and residential neighborhoods; minimize the overall number and height of such facilities to only what is essential; and promote shared use of existing facilities to reduce the need for new facilities.

6.8.2. Compliance with Federal and State Regulations:
All wireless communications facilities shall be erected, installed, maintained and used in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, including radio frequency emission regulations as set forth in Section 704 of the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act.

6.8.3 Location
The Wireless Communications Services District is herein established as an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this By-law. All requirements of the underlying zoning district shall remain in full force and effect, except as may be specifically superseded herein. Wireless communications facilities shall be prohibited at any other location in town. Description of areas in the district are as follows:

a. All land owned by the Town of Wilmington which is held in the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Selectmen or the Water & Sewer Commission.

b. All land located in the General Business (GB) and General Industrial (GI) districts.

6.8.4 General Requirements

6.8.4.1 No wireless communications facility may be erected except upon the issuance of a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals and Site Plan approval as set forth in Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-law and subject to all of the provisions of this section.

6.8.4.2 The only wireless communications facilities allowed are free-standing monopoles, with associated antenna and/or panels. Lattice style towers and similar facilities requiring three or more legs and/or guy wires for support are not allowed.

6.8.4.3 All owners and operators of land used in whole or in part for a wireless communications facility and all owners and operators of such wireless communications facility shall, as a continuing condition of installing, constructing, erecting and using a wireless communications facility, permit other public utilities or FCC-licensed commercial entities seeking to operate a wireless communications facility to install, erect, mount and use compatible wireless communications equipment and fixtures on the equipment mounting structure on reasonable commercial terms provided that such co-location does not materially interfere with the transmission and/or reception of communication signals to or from the existing wireless communications facility, and provided that there are no structural or other physical limitations that make it impractical to accommodate the proposed additional wireless communications equipment or fixtures. Wireless communications facilities shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of users technologically practical. The intent of this requirement is to reduce the number of facilities which will be required to be located within the community.

6.8.4.4 Any proposed extension in the height, addition of cells, antennas or panels, construction of a new facility, or replacement of a facility, shall be subject to a new application for an amendment to the Special Permit.

6.8.4.5 New facilities shall be considered by the Board of Appeals only upon a finding by the Board of Appeals that existing or approved facilities cannot accommodate the wireless communications equipment planned for the proposed facility.

6.8.4.6 Co-existence with other uses - A wireless communications facility may be located on the same lot with any other structures or uses lawfully in existence and/or lawfully undertaken pursuant to this By-law.

6.8.5 Design requirements and performance standards -
All facilities erected, installed and/or used shall comply with the following design requirements and performance standards.

6.8.5.1 All monopoles shall be designed to be constructed at the minimum height necessary to accommodate the anticipated and future use.

6.8.5.2 Facilities shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from a residential district boundary.

6.8.5.3 Any wireless communications facility shall comply with the setback requirements applicable to structures for the district in which it is located.

6.8.5.4 Antenna or dishes located on a structure shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height above the roof-line of the structure.

6.8.5.5 Screening Requirements - All exterior wireless communications facilities equipment and fixtures shall be painted or otherwise screened or colored to minimize their visibility to abutters, adjacent streets and residential neighborhoods. Wireless communications facilities equipment and fixtures visible against a building or structure shall be colored to blend with such building or structure. Wireless communications facilities equipment and fixtures visible against the sky or other background shall be colored to minimize visibility against such background. A different coloring scheme shall be used to blend the structure with the landscape below and above the tree or building line. Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent feasible.

6.8.5.6 Satellite dishes and/or antenna shall be situated on or attached to a structure in such a manner that they are screened, preferably not being visible from abutting streets. Free standing dishes or antenna shall be located on the landscape in such a manner so as to minimize visibility from abutting streets and residences and to limit the need to remove existing vegetation. All equipment shall be colored, molded and/or installed to blend into the structure and/or the landscape.

6.8.5.7 Fencing shall be provided to control access to wireless communications facilities and shall be compatible with the scenic character of the town and shall not be of razor wire.

6.8.5.8 Night lighting of towers shall be prohibited unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting shall be limited to that needed for emergencies and/or as required by the FAA.

6.8.5.9 There shall be a minimum of one (1) parking space for each facility, to be used in connection with the maintenance of the site, and not to be used for the permanent storage of vehicles or other equipment.

6.8.5.10 Annual certification demonstrating continuing compliance with the standards of the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Aviation Administration and the American National Standards Institute and required maintenance shall be filed with the Inspector of Buildings by the Special Permit holder.

6.8.5.11 All unused facilities or parts thereof or accessory facilities and structures which have not been used for one (1) year shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense.

6.8.6 Procedure for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review.
All applications for wireless communications facilities, antennas or satellite dishes shall be made and filed on the applicable application forms for site plan and special permit in compliance with Section 6.5 and Section 8.5 and also with the following additional requirements.

6.8.6.1 A locus plan at a scale of 1" = 200' which shall show all property lines, zoning, the exact location of the proposed structure(s), streets, landscape features, residential dwellings and neighborhoods and all buildings within five-hundred (500) feet of the facility.

6.8.6.2 A color photograph or rendition of the facility with its antennas and/or panels. For satellite dishes or antennas, a color photograph or rendition illustrating the dish or antenna at the proposed location is required.

6.8.6.3 A view test to be conducted utilizing balloons or other means to document the extent of visual impact. The Board of Appeals and Planning Board to be notified of the testing date. Photographs of the view test showing the impact of the proposed facility on abutting streets, adjacent property owners and residential neighborhoods to be submitted.

6.8.6.4 The following information prepared by one or more professional engineers:

A description of the monopole and the technical, economic and other reasons for the proposed location, height and design.

Confirmation that the monopole complied with all applicable Federal and State standards.

A description of the capacity of the monopole including the number and type of panels, antenna and/or transmitter receivers that it can accommodate and the basis for these calculations.

6.8.6.5 If applicable, a written statement that the proposed facility complies with, or is exempt from applicable regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

6.8.7 Criteria for Granting Special Permit:

6.8.7.1 Applications for Special Permits shall be approved or approved with conditions if the petitioner can fulfill the requirements of these regulations to the satisfaction of the Board of Appeals.

6.8.7.2 Applications for Special Permits may be denied if the petitioner cannot fulfill or address the requirements of these regulations or Section 8.5 to the satisfaction of the Board of Appeals.

6.8.7.3 When considering an application for a wireless communication facility, the Board of Appeals shall place great emphasis on the proximity of the facility to residential dwellings and its impact on these residences. New facilities shall only be considered after a finding that existing (or previously approved) facilities cannot accommodate the proposed use(s).

6.8.7.4 When considering an application for an antenna or dish proposed to be placed on a structure, the Board of Appeals shall place great emphasis on the visual impact of the unit from the abutting neighborhoods and street(s).

2. Amend Section 3.4.7 by adding the phrase "exclusive of wireless communications facilities which are defined in Section 3.4.8 and addressed in Section 6.8 of this By-law" after the term "public service corporation."

3. Add a new Section 3.4.8 to classification of Governmental, Institutional and Public Service Uses as follows:

3.4.8 Definition

Wireless Communications Facility - Consists exclusively of fixtures and equipment used by a public utility or FCC-licensed commercial entity for the wireless transmission and reception of radio signals including (1) reception and transmission equipment and fixtures such as antennae, communication dishes and similar devices, (2) structures that are erected and used primarily to support such reception and transmission equipment and (3) any accessory mechanical, electronic, or telephonic equipment, fixtures, wiring and protective covering customary and necessary to operate such wireless communications equipment. A wireless communications facility is a transmission and reception substation, not a principal facility for conducting a communications business.

4. Amend (Section 3) Table I Principal Use Regulations by adding the following:

		RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS			BUSINESS DISTRICTS			INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS		SITE PLAN REVIEW	GWPD	
3.4	Governmental, Institutional and Public Service Uses	R10	R20	R60	NB	GB	CB	GI	IP			
3.4.8	Wireless Communications Facility**	No	No	No	No	SP	No	SP	SP		R	*

** Also allowed by SP on Town-owned land;
or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Carole Hamilton, Planning Board, "I move that the town vote to amend the Zoning By-laws and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington, in order to regulate the location, aesthetics and construction of wireless communications facilities, satellite dishes and antennas by taking the following actions:

1. Add a new Section 6.8 Wireless Communications Facilities as follows:

6.8.1 Purpose
The purpose of these regulations is to minimize adverse impacts of wireless communications facilities, satellite dishes and antennas on adjacent properties and residential neighborhoods; minimize the overall number and height of such facilities to only what is essential; and promote shared use of existing facilities to minimize the need for new facilities.

6.8.2. Compliance with Federal and State Regulations:
All wireless communications facilities shall be erected, installed, maintained and used in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, including radio frequency emission regulations as set forth in Section 704 of the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act, as the same may be amended from time to time.

6.8.3 Location

The Wireless Communications Services District is herein established as an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this By-law. All requirements of the underlying zoning district shall remain in full force and effect, except as may be specifically superseded herein. Wireless communications facilities shall be prohibited at any other location in town. Description of areas in the district are as follows:

a. All land owned by the Town of Wilmington from time to time which is held in the care, custody, management and control of the Board of Selectmen or the Water & Sewer Commission.

b. All land located in the General Business (GB) and General Industrial (GI) and Industrial Park (IP) districts.

c. Applicants for a Special Permit to construct wireless communications facilities are encouraged to explore alternative types of systems other than mounted systems on newly constructed towers. Wireless communications antennas (including panels) may be mounted on or attached to existing structures (including, without limitation, water towers and church steeples) in any zoning district by Special Permit provided that they be properly screened and conform to applicable design requirements as set forth in Section 6.8.

6.8.4 General Requirements

6.8.4.1 No wireless communications facility may be erected except upon the issuance of a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals and Site Plan approval as set forth in Section 6.5 of the Zoning Bylaw and subject to all of the provisions of this section.

6.8.4.2 The only wireless communications facilities allowed are free-standing monopoles, with associated antenna and/or panels; facilities, with associated antennas and/or panels mounted on, or supported in whole or in part by, any existing building or structure; and any Wireless Communications facility, with associated antennae and/or panels located wholly within any existing building or structure. Lattice style towers and similar facilities requiring three or more legs and/or guy wires for support are not allowed.

6.8.4.3 All owners and operators of land used in whole or in part for a wireless communications facility and all owners and operators of such wireless communications facility shall, as a continuing condition of installing, constructing, erecting and using a wireless communications facility, permit other public utilities or FCC-licensed commercial entities seeking to operate a wireless communications facility to install, erect, mount and use compatible wireless communications equipment and fixtures on the equipment mounting structure on reasonable commercial terms provided that such co-location does not materially interfere with the transmission and/or reception of communication signals to or from the existing wireless communications facility, and provided that there are no structural or other physical limitations that make it impractical to accommodate the proposed additional wireless communications equipment or fixtures. Since it is the intent of these regulations to minimize the number of Wireless Communication facilities which will be required to be located within the town, the Board of Appeals may, as a condition of any Special Permit,

require that such specially permitted Wireless Communications facility be designed to accommodate the co-location of the maximum number of wireless communications installations technically practicable in light of the anticipated suitability of the site for other wireless carriers.

6.8.4.4 Any proposed extension in the height, addition of cells, antennas or panels, construction of a new facility, or replacement of a facility, shall require an amendment to the Special Permit.

6.8.4.5 New facilities shall be considered by the Board of Appeals only upon a finding by the Board of Appeals that (a) the applicant has used reasonable efforts to co-locate its proposed wireless communications facilities on existing or approved facilities, and (b) either the applicant was unable to negotiate commercially reasonable lease terms with the owner of any existing or approved facility that could accommodate the proposed facilities from both structural engineering (i.e. the height, structural integrity, weight bearing and wind-resistant capacity of the existing or approved facility) and radio frequency engineering (i.e. height, coverage area, etc.) perspectives; or there neither exists nor is there currently proposed any facility that could accommodate the proposed facilities from structural and radio frequency engineering perspectives.

6.8.4.6 The town acting through its Planning Board or Board of Appeals may require the applicant to pay reasonable fees for review of the applicant's proposal by a professional or radio frequency engineer or other qualified professional.

6.8.4.7 Co-existence with other uses - A wireless communications facility may be located on the same lot with any other structures or uses lawfully in existence and/or lawfully undertaken pursuant to this By-law.

6.8.5 Design requirements and performance standards
All Wireless Communications facilities erected, installed and/or used shall comply with the following design requirements and performance s standards.

6.8.5.1 All Wireless communications facilities shall be designed to be constructed at the minimum height necessary to accommodate the proper functioning of the anticipated and future wireless communications services to be provided by the applicant at such facility. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection 5.2.8.1 of this By-law, a free-standing wireless communications facility monopole may be installed at a maximum height of up to 120 feet, unless the Board of Appeals finds that a greater height is essential to the proper functioning of the wireless communications services to be provided by the applicant at such location.

6.8.5.2 Facilities shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from an existing residential dwelling or proposed dwelling in a permitted subdivision, provided that such a residential structure is located within a residential district.

6.8.5.3 A monopole shall be set back from the property lines of the lot on which it is located by a distance equal to the overall vertical height of the monopole and any attachments plus five feet, unless the applicant demonstrates that due to topography and/or other characteristics of the site lesser setbacks shall not pose any public safety danger to any adjacent properties.

6.8.5.4 Antenna or dishes located on a structure shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height above the roof-line of the structure, unless the Board of Appeals finds that a greater height is essential to the proper functioning of the wireless communication services to be provided by the applicant at such location. For structures where it is difficult to determine the roofline, such as water tanks, the height of the antennae or dishes shall not exceed ten feet above the highest point of the structure.

6.8.5.5 Screening Requirements - All exterior wireless communications facilities equipment and fixtures shall be painted or otherwise screened or colored to minimize their visibility to abutters, adjacent streets and residential neighborhoods. Wireless communications facilities equipment and fixtures visible against a building or structure shall be colored to blend with such building or structure. Wireless communications facilities equipment and fixtures visible against the sky or other background shall be colored to minimize visibility against such background. A different coloring scheme shall be used to blend the structure with the landscape below and above the line. Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent feasible.

6.8.5.6 Satellite dishes and/or antenna shall be situated on or attached to a structure in such a manner that they are screened, preferably not being visible from abutting streets. Free standing dishes or antenna shall be located on the landscape in such a manner so as to minimize visibility from abutting streets and residences and to limit the need to remove existing vegetation. All equipment shall be colored, molded and/or installed to blend into the structure and/or the landscape.

6.8.5.7 Fencing shall be provided to control access to wireless communications facilities and shall be compatible with the scenic character of the town and shall not be of razor wire.

6.8.5.8 Night lighting of towers shall be prohibited unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting shall be limited to that needed for emergencies and/or as required by the FAA.

6.8.5.9 There shall be a minimum of one (1) parking space for each facility, to be used in connection with the maintenance of the site, and not to be used for the permanent storage of vehicles or other equipment.

6.8.5.10 Annual certification demonstrating continuing compliance with the standards of the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Aviation Administration and the American National Standards Institute and required maintenance shall be filed with the Inspector of Buildings by the Special Permit holder.

6.8.5.11 All unused facilities or parts thereof or accessory facilities and structures which have not been used for one (1) year shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense. The town acting through its Planning Board or Board of Appeals may require a performance bond prior to the issuance of a building permit to ensure compliance with this provision.

6.8.6 Procedure for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review
All applications for wireless communications facilities, antennas or satellite dishes shall be made and filed on the applicable application forms for site plan and special permit in compliance with Section 6.5 and Section 8.5 and also with the following additional requirements.

6.8.6.1 A locus plan at a scale of 1" = 200' which shall show all property lines, zoning, the exact location of the proposed structure(s), streets, landscape features, residential dwellings and neighborhoods and all buildings within five-hundred (500) feet of the facility.

6.8.6.2 A color photograph or rendition of the facility with its antennas and/or panels. For satellite dishes or antennas, a color photograph or rendition illustrating the dish or antenna at the proposed location is required.

6.8.6.3 A view test to be conducted utilizing balloons or other means to document the extent of visual impact. The Board of Appeals and Planning Board to be notified of the testing date. Photographs of the view test showing the impact of the proposed facility on abutting streets, adjacent property owners and residential neighborhoods to be submitted.

6.8.6.4 The following information prepared by one or more professional or radio frequency engineers or other qualified professional:

A description of the monopole and the technical, (delete economic) and other reasons for the proposed location, height and design.

Documentation of an exhaustive search for the site.

Confirmation that the monopole complied with all applicable Federal and State standards.

A description of the capacity of the monopole including the number and type of panels, antenna and/or transmitter receivers that it can accommodate. Delete "and the basis for these calculations."

6.8.6.5 If applicable, a written statement that the proposed facility complies with, or is exempt from applicable regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

6.8.7 Criteria for Granting Special Permit:

6.8.7.1 Applications for Special Permits shall be approved or approved with conditions if the petitioner can fulfill the requirements of these regulations to the satisfaction of the Board of Appeals.

6.8.7.2 Applications for Special Permits may be denied if the petitioner cannot fulfill or address the requirements of these regulations or Section 8.5 to the satisfaction of the Board of Appeals.

6.8.7.3 When considering an application for a wireless communication facility, the Board of Appeals shall take into consideration the proximity of the facility to residential dwellings and its impact on these residences. New facilities shall only be considered after a finding that existing (or previously approved) wireless communication facilities suitable for and available to the applicant on commercially reasonable terms cannot accommodate the proposed use(s) taking into consideration radio frequency engineering issues and technological constraints.

6.8.7.4 When considering an application for an antenna or dish proposed to be placed on a structure, the Board of Appeals shall take into consideration place great emphasis on the visual impact of the unit from the abutting neighborhoods and street(s).

2. Amend Section 3.4.7 by adding the phrase "exclusive of wireless communications facilities which are defined in Section 3.4.8 and addressed in Section 6.8 of this By-law" after the term "public service corporation".

3. Add a new Section 3.4.8 to classification of Governmental, Institutional and Public Service Uses as follows:

3.4.8 Definition

Wireless Communications Facility - Consists exclusively of fixtures and equipment used by a public utility or FCC-licensed commercial entity for the wireless transmission and reception of radio signals including (1) reception and transmission equipment and fixtures such as antennae, communication dishes and similar devices, (2) structures that are erected and used primarily to support such reception and transmission equipment and (3) any accessory mechanical, electronic, or telephonic equipment, fixtures, wiring and protective covering customary and necessary to operate such wireless communications equipment. A wireless communications facility is a transmission and reception substation, not a principal facility for conducting a communications business.

4. Amend (Section 3) Table I Principal Use Regulations by adding the following:

	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS			BUSINESS DISTRICTS			INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS		SITE PLAN REVIEW	GWPD
3.4 Governmental, Institutional and Public Service Uses	R10	R20	R60	NB	GB	CB	GI	IP		
3.4.8 Wireless Communications Facility**	No	No	No	No	SP	No	SP	SP	R	*

** Monopoles allowed by SP on Town-owned land; and attachments allowed by SP on existing structures in all zoning districts.

Motion by Carole Hamilton, "This amends the Zoning By-law to regulate the use and locations of wireless communications. Telecommunication Act of 1996, allows use and town cannot prohibit the use. This By-law gives town some means of control. Finance Committee and Planning Board recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 33. (drawn #29) To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by taking the following actions:

(1) Amend Section 2.2 of the Zoning Bylaw and associated Zoning Map of the Town of Wilmington by deleting the paragraph Flood Plain Map of the Town of Wilmington, March 1973 (Scale 1" = 1200', consisting of a single sheet), Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Boundary and Floodway Map dated June 15, 1982 (Scale 1" = 600' consisting of eight sheets) and the Flood Profiles in the "Flood Insurance Study, Town of

Wilmington" dated December 15, 1982; and replacing it with the following text:

Wilmington Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated January 18, 1989 and the Wilmington Flood Boundary and Floodway Map dated January 18, 1989.

(2) Delete Sections 2.3.5, 2.3.5.1 and 2.3.5.2.

(3) Amend Section 6.2. by deleting Section 6.2.1. Purpose and replacing it with the text that follows:

6.2.1 Purpose - The purposes of the Flood Plain District are to:

1. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury;

2. Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;

3. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding;

4. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;

5. Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions;

6. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters;

7. Provide long term control over the extent of land subject to inundation by the base flood.

(4) Amend Section 6.2 by adding a new subsection 6.2.2 as follows and renumbering following subsections accordingly:

Section 6.2.2 Flood Plain District Boundaries and Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data

6.2.2.1 Flood Plain District Boundaries - The Flood Plain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the Wilmington Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP dated January 18, 1989 as Zone A, AH, AO, A1-30, A99, V, V1-30 and the FEMA Flood Boundary & Floodway Map dated January 18, 1989, both maps which indicate the 100-year regulatory flood plain. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the Flood Insurance study booklet dated January 18, 1989. The FIRM, Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance study booklet dated January 18, 1989 are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Planning & Conservation Department, Town Engineer and Inspector of Buildings.

6.2.2.2 Base Flood Elevation and Floodway Data

(a) Floodway Data - In Zone A and A1-30, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways.

(b) Base Flood Elevation Data - Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.

(5) Delete Section 6.2.3.4 in its entirety and replace it with the following text:

Section 6.2.4.4 Maintenance and repair of existing structures and improvement of existing structures provided that any such improvement is in accordance with Section 2102.0 of the State Building Code.

(6) Delete Section 6.2.4 in its entirety and replace it with the following text:

6.2.5 Uses Permitted by Special Permit from the Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals may authorize by Special Permit any use permitted in the underlying district in which the land is located, including grading, filling and excavating, subject to the same use and development regulations as may otherwise apply thereto provided that the Board of Appeals finds that the proposed use will not significantly conflict with the purposes set forth herein and provided further that:

(a) At least 100 percent of the flood storage volume of the site (the volume of water which could be stored between the elevation(s) of the property as it existed on 15 June 1982 and the elevation(s) of the base flood) shall be maintained;

(b) In the case of residential structures the elevation of the lowest floor level including basement of any new or substantially improved dwelling shall be at or above the base flood and in the case of non-residential buildings the elevation of the lowest floor including basement of any new or substantially improved building shall be at or above the base flood or flood-proofed to above the base flood, in accordance with Section 2102.0 of the State Building Code;

(c) In the case of vehicular access the elevation of the lowest point of any new driveway from the street to the building shall be at or above the base flood and all new construction, including utilities, is anchored to prevent flotation and designed to avoid impairment during the base flood, in accordance with Section 2102.0 of the State Building Code.

(d) Reference to Existing Regulations - All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

Section of the Massachusetts Building Code which addresses flood plain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 2102.0, "Flood Resistant Construction");

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);

Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 302 CMR 6.00)

Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 302 CMR 4.00);

Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title V);

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above-referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

(7) Add a new subsection 6.2.7 as follows:

6.2.7 Definitions

6.2.7.1 Area of Special Flood Hazard is the land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The area may be designated as Zone A, AO, AH, A1-30, AE, A99, V1-30, VE, or V.

6.2.7.2 Base Flood means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

6.2.7.3 Development means any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations.

6.2.7.4 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA provides a nationwide flood hazard area mapping study program for communities as well as regulatory standards for development in the flood hazard areas.

6.2.7.5 Flood Boundary and Floodway Map means an official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-year floods and the 100-year floodway. (For maps done in 1987 and later, the floodway designation is included on the FIRM)

6.2.7.6 Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) means an official map of a community on which FEMA has delineated both the areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

6.2.7.7 Floodway means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation.

6.2.7.8 Lowest Floor means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement or cellar). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of NFIP Regulations 60.3.

6.2.7.9 New Construction means, for floodplain management purposes, structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a

community. For the purpose of determining insurance rates, new construction means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of an initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later.

6.2.7.10 One-Hundred-Year Flood - see BASE FLOOD

6.2.7.11 Special Flood Hazard Area means an area having special flood and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on an FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, A99, AH, V, V1-30, VE.

6.2.7.12 Start of Construction includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, or floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

6.2.7.13 Structure means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally aboveground, as well as a manufactured home. Structure, for insurance coverage purposes, means a walled and roofed building, other than a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground and affixed to a permanent site, as well as a manufactured home on foundation. For the latter purpose, the term includes a building while in the course of construction, alteration, or repair, but does not include building materials or supplies intended for use in such construction, alteration, or repair, unless such materials or supplies are within an enclosed building on the premises.

6.2.7.14 Substantial Damage means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

6.2.7.15 Substantial Improvement means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed.

6.2.7.16 Zone A means the 100-year floodplain area where the base flood elevation (BFE) has not been determined. To determine the BFE, use the best available federal, state, local, or other data.

6.2.7.17 Zone A-1 - A-30 and Zone AE (for new and revised maps) means the 100-year floodplain where the base flood elevation has been determined.

6.2.7.18 Zone AH and Zone AO means the 100-year floodplain with flood depths of 1 to 3 feet, or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Carole Hamilton of the Planning Board is the same as stated in above warrant article. This article is to revise the definition of Flood Plain District. The state regulations have changed and this will bring the Zoning By-law and Map into compliance. Finance Committee recommends approval. Planning Board recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 34. (drawn #16) To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Wilmington by deleting Section 8.3.4 and substituting the following 8.3.4: To hear and decide applications under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81E for the issuance of a permit for the erection of a building on a lot not in a subdivision approved under the subdivision control law and on a lot not on a way placed on or made part of the Official Map when the Board finds that enforcement of the foregoing provision would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and that the circumstances do not require that the building be related to a way shown on a subdivision plan or the Official map; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael A. Roache, "I move that the town vote to amend the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Wilmington by deleting Section 8.3.4 and substituting the following 8.3.4: To hear and decide applications under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81E for the issuance of a permit for the erection of a building on a lot not in a subdivision approved under the subdivision control law and on a lot not on a way placed on or made part of the Official Map when the Board finds that enforcement of the foregoing provision would entail practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship and that the circumstances do not require that the building be related to a way shown on a subdivision plan or the Official map." This article came from the study on unaccepted ways and will clarify how streets should be constructed. Jeff Miller asked to what Board this article refers. Answer was Board of Appeals. Finance Committee recommends approval. Planning Board recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 35. (drawn #23) To see if the town will vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of certain parcels of land owned by the Town of Wilmington hereinafter described to the Conservation Commission. Said parcels are described as Map 11, Parcels 29, 30+, 33 and 36X; Map 45, Parcels 93Y and 94; and Map 50, Parcels 43, 46 and 51; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by James J. Rooney, "I move that the town vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of certain parcels of land owned by the Town of Wilmington hereinafter described to the Conservation Commission. Said parcels are described as Map 11, Parcels 29, 30+, 33 and 36X; Map 45, Parcels 93Y and 94; and Map 50, Parcels 43, 46 and 51." This article transfers certain Town-owned parcels to the care of the Conservation Commission. Finance Committee recommends approval. Planning Board recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 36. (drawn #4) To see if the town will vote to accept the layout of a portion of the extension of Burt Road from the easterly line of Parcel I to the Wilmington/Andover townline, said portion of the layout and said Parcel I being more fully depicted on a plan entitled "Layout and Taking Plan in Andover and Wilmington, Massachusetts by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., Scale 1" = 100 feet; dated December 18, 1996," and filed with the Town Clerk; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, conveyance, purchase or taking by eminent domain, fees, easements and such other interests as may be necessary for highway purposes in the following described parcels of land:

Parcel H-2 containing 21,368 square feet as shown on said plan;
Parcel I containing 8,980 square feet as shown on said plan;

and raise from taxation or transfer from available funds, and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for said acquisitions by conveyance, purchase or taking by eminent domain; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Robert J. Cain, "I move to pass over this article." Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 37. (#22) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to authorize that Brian J. Clark be allowed to take the civil service Fire Department entrance examination for the position of Fire Fighter in the Wilmington Fire Department and/or be appointed as a member of the Fire Department of the Town of Wilmington notwithstanding that he is more than thirty-two years old; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Michael J. Newhouse, "I move that the town to authorize Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to authorize that Brian J. Clark be allowed to take the civil service Fire Department entrance examination for the position of Fire Fighter in the Wilmington Fire Department and/or be appointed as a member of the Fire Department of the Town of Wilmington notwithstanding that he is more than thirty-two years old." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 38. (drawn #15) To see if the town will vote to accept as a town Way, the layout of Molloy Road as recommended by the Planning Board and laid out by the Selectmen under the provisions of the law relating to assessment of Betterments, which layout is filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, and which with plans therein mentioned is hereby referred to for more particular description; and to authorize the Selectmen to take by right of Eminent Domain such land, slope and drainage or other easements as may be necessary to effect the purpose of this Article, and to determine how an appropriation shall be raised, whether by taxation, transfer from available funds, or by borrowing under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, or otherwise, for the purpose of engineering and construction of said way, and for the payment of any damages resulting from the taking of land and slope easements and other easements therefor; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Town Manager, Michael Caira, "I move to pass over this article." Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 39. (drawn #12) To see if the town will vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a certain parcel of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the express purpose of conveying the same, all in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 30B; and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to grant and convey such interest in the land as is owned by the Town of Wilmington and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 3, section 16 of the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Revised. Said parcel and interest are described as Map 16, Parcel 65; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by John Spracklin, "I move that the town vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a certain parcel of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the

express purpose of conveying the same, all in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 30B; and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to grant and convey such interest in the land as is owned by the Town of Wilmington for a price of not less than $8,850 and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 3, section 16 of the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Revised." Said parcel and interest are described as Map 16, Parcel 65. Town Manager declared land is surplus to the needs of the town. Finance Committee recommends approval. Planning Board recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 40. (drawn #11) To see if the town will vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a certain parcel of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the express purpose of conveying the same, all in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 30B; and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to grant and convey such interest in the land as is owned by the Town of Wilmington and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 3, section 16 of the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Revised. Disposition to be subject to a deed restriction that no dwellings be allowed. Said parcels and interest are described as Map 9, Parcel 66; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Town Manager, "I move that we pass over this article." Motion seconded and so voted.

After Article 40, motion made by Ted Tripp, Water & Sewer Commissioners, "I move that the town reconsider the action taken on Article 18 in order that an amendment may be offered that would modify the scope of the article, changing the amount to $965,000." Motion for reconsideration, defeated.

ARTICLE 41. (drawn #19) To see if the town will vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of certain parcels of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the express purpose of conveying the same, all in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 30B; and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to grant and convey such interest in the land as is owned by the Town of Wilmington and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 3, section 16 of the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Revised. Said parcels and interest are described as Map 9, Parcel 71; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Susan LaRosa, "I move that the town vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of certain parcels of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Selectmen of the Town of Wilmington, said land having been determined to be no longer needed for any municipal purpose, and for the express purpose of conveying the same, all in accordance with the General Laws Chapter 30B; and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to grant and convey such interest in the land as is owned by the Town of Wilmington for a price of not less than $5,000 and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 3, section 16 of the By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington Revised. Said parcels and interest are described as Map 9, Parcel 71." Finance Committee recommends approval. Planning Board recommends approval. Town Manager states land is surplus to the needs of the town. Motion seconded and so voted.

ARTICLE 42. (drawn #25) To see if the town will vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of certain parcels of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Conservation Commission. Said parcels are described as Map 49, Parcels 33 and 34; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Barbara Coltraro, "I move that the town vote to authorize transfer of the care, custody, management and control of certain parcels of land owned by the Town of Wilmington, hereinafter described to the Conservation Commission. Said parcels are described as Map 49, Parcels 33 and 34." These parcels have been petitioned for the past two years to be declared surplus. Town Meeting has voted it down each year. She would like these transferred to Conservation Commission so that this does not happen each year. Town Manager opposes, this is town owned and not wetlands. James Morris of Conservation Commission voted in favor. Finance Committee recommends disapproval. Planning Board recommends disapproval. Motion to move question. Yes 719 No 7. Main motion seconded and voted Yes 139 No 231. Article fails.

ARTICLE 43. (drawn #7) To see if the town will vote to authorize the removal of certain restrictions as contained in a deed from the Town of Wilmington to Stephen A. Langone, dated May 4, 1970 and recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 1922, Page 16. Said parcel is more particularly described as Lot 374 on a "Plan of Land called Fairview Park, with said plan being recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Book 31, Plan 62," and to which reference is made for a more particular description of said Lot 374. Lot 374 contains 1,600 square feet of land, more or less. Said premises are also shown as a portion of the Town of Wilmington Assessor's Map 31, Parcel 47A; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Edward Langone, "I move that the town vote to authorize the removal of certain restrictions as contained in a deed from the Town of Wilmington to Stephen A. Langone, dated May 4, 1970 and recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 1922, Page 16. Said parcel is more particularly described as Lot 374 on a "Plan of Land called Fairview Park, with said plan being recorded at the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Book 31, Plan 62," and to which reference is made for a more particular description of said Lot 374. Lot 374 contains 1,600 square feet of land, more or less. Said premises are also shown as a portion of the Town of Wilmington Assessor's Map 31, Parcel 47A." Mr. Langone stated remove a restriction created from the original transaction with the town regarding this property. This is needed to clear the title on his land. Amount $509.20. Finance Committee no action. Planning Board no action. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 44. (drawn #13) To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning Map and associated Zoning By-laws of the Town of Wilmington by voting to change from Residential 20 (R-20) to Neighborhood Business (NB) the following described parcel of land:

Two certain parcels of land situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, the first parcel containing 2 1/4 acres and 38 rods, more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a southwesterly corner thereof on the northeasterly side of the B & M Railroad at another county road;
Thence the line runs northerly by said Railroad 19.08 rods to Lubber's Brook;
Thence in a generally southeasterly course by said brook about 59 rods to land of Lemuel C. Eames;

Thence southerly 14.12 rods;
Thence northwesterly 20 rods;
Thence westerly 8.92 rods by said Eames land to the county road;
Thence northwesterly by said road to the first bound mentioned.

The second parcel bounded and described as follows:

About two (2) acres of land on the northerly side of Concord Street in said Wilmington between the railroad crossing and Lubber's Brook, being parcel No. 11 in deed from Town of Wilmington to Raymond C. Booth and Amelia G. Booth dated December 30, 1953 recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1244, Page 354.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, restrictions, reservations and rights of way of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

For Petitioner's title see Deed of Vincent A. Lopez, Trustee of Lopez Realty Trust dated January 30, 1985 and recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2954, Page 111.

The above-referenced parcels are also shown as Parcel 4 on Assessor's Map 78 and Parcel 1 on Assessor's Map 86, or do anything in relation thereto.

Moderator James Stewart, stated letter received from petitioner to withdraw this article. Motion seconded and so voted.

The attendance at Town Meeting was as follows and the meeting adjourned in early evening at 5:50 p.m.

10:45 a.m. - 179	4:25 p.m. - 811
1:15 p.m. - 568	NonVoters - 25
3:15 p.m. - 685	

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY - 1997

Total Appropriation	By Transfer	By Taxation
328,116	328,116	0

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY - 1998

	Total Appropriation	By Transfer	By Taxation	
SCHOOL BUDGET	18,117,823			18,117,823
MUNICIPAL BUDGET	17,672,483		766,478	16,906,005
CAPITAL OUTLAY	309,089			309,089
WARRANT ARTICLES	176,950			176,950
TOTAL BUDGET	36,276,345		766,478	34,418,872
STATUTORY CHARGES	3,687,394		85,091	
TOTAL	39,963,739		851,569	Bonding
				25,600,000
				6,000,000
				31,600,000

AVAILABLE FUNDS

CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	122,670
CEMETERY SALES	63,206
CEMETERY INTEREST	15,000
WATER ANTICIPATED REVENUE	650,693
TOTAL	851,569

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 17, 1997
WITH ACTION TAKEN THEREON

The meeting was called to order by Town Moderator, James Stewart with a quorum present of one hundred fifty-one (151) at 7:45 P.M.

Selectman, Daniel Wandell, "I move that the Moderator dispense with further reading of the Warrant and take up and make reference to each article by number." Motion seconded and so voted.

Articles will be by random draw as prescribed by the town's Inhabitant By-law.

ARTICLE 1. (drawn as #3) To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money allocated to the Town of Wilmington from available funds in the Massachusetts Department of Education Fiscal Year 1998 Foundation Reserve Program, said funds to be appropriated to various accounts; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by School Committee Chairman, Barbara K. Breakey, "I move that the town vote to appropriate the sum of $50,000 from available funds in the Massachusetts Department of Education Fiscal Year 1998 Foundation Reserve Program, to the Wilmington School Department Account." Mrs. Breakey thanked Rep. James Miceli for all his assistance in securing these funds. Rep. Miceli then thanked School and Town Officials, Senator Bruce Tarr and Rep. Charles Murphy for all their help. Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. (drawn as #2) To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money allocated to the Town of Wilmington from available funds - Additional Lottery Aid, said funds to be appropriated to the Unclassified and Reserve - Reserve Fund; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Selectman, Daniel C. Wandell, "I move that the town vote to appropriate $91,451 from available funds - Additional Lottery Aid, to the Unclassified and Reserve - Reserve Fund Account." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3. (drawn as #1) To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners and as authorized by the Town Manager, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Town Manager, Michael A. Caira, "I move that the town vote to appropriate $200,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $200,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under G.L. Chapter 111, Section 127B 1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the town; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Health, subject to the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects." Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. (drawn as #4) To see if the town will vote to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners to provide an alternative route in addition to the route previously voted for the construction of sewers, sewage systems and disposal facilities known as the Route 38 Corridor Sewer Project, in accordance with alternative plans on file at the office of the Water and Sewer Commission, and to authorize the Commissioners to acquire interest in land whether by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise and to assess one hundred percent (100%) betterments, all in accordance with General or Special Laws hereto enabling and to appropriate a sum of money and to determine whether such funds shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, or by borrowing under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, or by any combination thereof; and to authorize the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners and/or the Board of Selectmen to apply for any federal and state aid and to receive gifts which may be available as contributions to be applied toward the cost of the project; or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Noel D. Baratta, Water & Sewer Commissioner, "I move that the town vote to authorize the Water and Sewer Commissioners to provide an alternative route in addition to the route previously voted for the construction of sewers, sewage systems and disposal facilities known as the Route 38 Corridor Sewer Project, in accordance with the alternative plans on file at the office of the Water and Sewer Commission, and to authorize the Commissioners to acquire interest in land whether by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise and to assess one hundred percent (100%) betterments, all in accordance with General or Special Laws hereto enabling." This article is necessary because of problems in original route and an alternate route had to be established. Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion seconded and so voted, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. (drawn as #5) To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws and associated zoning map of the Town of Wilmington by rezoning from Residential 20 (R-20) to General Business (GB) the following described premises:

The land with building thereon, in Wilmington, Middlesex County, MA said premises containing 23,097 square feet of land as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Wilmington surveyed by John R. Marshall and Delores Marshall," December 1961, H. Kingman Abbott, surveyor, said plan being recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 96, Plan 78A. For our title see deed book of Mark P. Breslin and Sharon K. Breslin recorded with said Registry in Book 3225, Page 243.

The land with buildings thereon in Wilmington, MA bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Intersection of the Southeastern boundary of the land of Harley Junior and Eleanor Towle with Lowell Street in said Wilmington;

Northerly	by land of said Towle, one hundred eighty and 12/100 (180.12) feet;
Easterly	by land of John R. Marshall, et ux, one hundred thirty-one and 63/100 (131.63) feet;
Southerly	by land of John R. Marshall, one hundred eighty (180) feet; and
Westerly	by said Lowell Street, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to the point of beginning;

or do anything in relation thereto.

Motion by Kevin Brennan, 276 Lowell Street, one of owners of this property reads the same as the above article. He stated that Doctor Albano was interested in purchasing the property and having her practice at this location. Some residents were opposed to this petition and suggested no rezoning should be done in this area until the study on Rt. 129 has been completed. Traffic is heavy in this area now and the quality of life has been adversely affected. Jack Tierney, 239 Lowell Street, stated Planning Board is meeting tomorrow night and a study will be presented that has been done by MIT students relative to Rt. 129. Mrs. Anna Simmons, 6 Strout Avenue, hopes this will be disapproved until Rt. 129 study is completed. Michael Roache from Planning Board stated there are no plans to rezone Rt. 129 at this time. Richard Duggan, stated the Brennan family has lived here for many years and the meeting should be concerned about fairness in the area, relative to rezoning. He recommends approval. Finance Committee recommends approval. Planning Board recommends disapproval. Motion seconded and so voted. This article needs a 2/3rd vote. Yes 50 No 89. Motion fails.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Total attendance at meeting was one hundred sixty-three (163) voters and sixteen (16) non-voters.

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Members of the Board of Selectmen
and Town Manager
Town Hall
Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887

The Annual General Purpose Financial Statements of the Town of Wilmington for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1997 are hereby submitted. This report was prepared by the Office of the Town Accountant. Responsibility for accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the Town.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data are accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups of the government.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Morris
Town Accountant

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND GROUPS
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 1997

ASSETS	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
CASH	4,402,460.13	2,641,881.01	229,655.63	1,327,329.09		8,601,325.86
RECEIVABLES:						
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	628,567.10					628,567.10
LESS:PROV FOR ABATES & EXEMPTIONS	(599,442.08)					(599,442.08)
TAX LIENS	302,001.65					302,001.65
TAX FORECLOSURES	120,839.17					120,839.17
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	677,720.97					677,720.97
DEPARTMENTAL	103,691.50					103,691.50
BETTERMENTS	250,982.74					250,982.74
USER CHARGES	77,747.41	355,778.14				433,525.55
DUE FROM OTHER GOV'TS		18,171.26				18,171.26
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR:						
RETIRE OF LONG TERM DEBT					2,827,100.00	2,827,100.00
TOTAL ASSETS	5,964,568.59	3,015,830.41	229,655.63	1,327,329.09	2,827,100.00	13,364,483.72
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE						
LIABILITIES:						
WARRANTS PAYABLE	568,249.21	133,617.40	15,905.66	12,294.47		730,066.74
DEFERRED REVENUE:						
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	628,567.10					628,567.10
OTHER ACCTS RECEIVABLE	1,532,983.44	373,949.40				1,906,932.84
NOTES PAYABLE					2,827,100.00	2,827,100.00
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,729,799.75	507,566.80	15,905.66	12,294.47	2,827,100.00	6,092,666.68
FUND BALANCE:						
RES. FOR ENCUMBRANCES	1,049,233.09	127,816.14				1,177,049.23
RES. FOR SPEC. PURPOSE			213,749.97	1,122,459.67		1,336,209.64
RES FOR DEF. TEACHERS	(426,109.00)					(426,109.00)
UNRESERVED-UNDESIGNATED	2,611,644.75	2,380,447.47		192,574.95		5,184,667.17
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	3,234,768.84	2,508,263.61	213,749.97	1,315,034.62	0.00	7,271,817.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	5,964,568.59	3,015,830.41	229,655.63	1,327,329.09	2,827,100.00	13,364,483.72

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies for financial reporting purposes of the Town of Wilmington conform to generally accepted accounting principles for local governmental units except as indicated in Note 2. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

A. Fund Accounting

The Town reports its financial activities in several funds and one account group in order to comply with the limitations and restrictions placed on both the resources made available to the Town and the services provided. The various funds are grouped in the financial statements in this report into five generic fund types as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue resources (other than expendable trust or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - Capital project funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by trust funds).

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and agency funds are used to account for assets by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. These include expendable trust, non-expendable trust and agency funds. Non-expendable trust funds are accounted for in a manner that permits the periodic measurements of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income in order to demonstrate maintenance of capital. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

ACCOUNT GROUP

Long-term Debt and Liabilities - Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accumulated in the general long-term debt group of accounts. This account group is not a fund. It is only concerned with the measurement of financial position and, therefore, is not involved with a measurement of the results from any operations.

B. Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared principally on the modified accrual basis of accounting. This method recognizes revenues when they become measurable and available. Expenses are recognized under this method as they are incurred.

Revenue - Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available means then due or past due and receivable within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

All other revenues are recognized throughout the year when cash is received. Receipts during the sixty days immediately following the close of the fiscal year are also recognized as available revenue.

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the numerous individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially two types of these revenues. In one, monies must be expended on the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the Town. Therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures recorded. In the other, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and are usually revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria is met.

Expenses - Expenditures are recorded during the year on a cash disbursement basis. In addition, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, disbursements made during the fifteen days immediately following the close of each fiscal year and which pertain to the prior year are recorded as warrants payable and expenses as of June 30th.

Purchase orders outstanding at June 30th related to annual operating expenses are recorded as encumbrances and, accordingly, as a reservation of fund balances at that date.

Deferred Revenue - Property taxes and other revenue that are measurable but not available have been classified as deferred revenue on June 30th.

Encumbrances - Encumbrance accounting under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed in governmental funds. Open encumbrances at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

Inventory - Inventory items (materials and supplies) are recorded as expenditures when purchased (purchase method).

General Fixed Assets - General fixed assets are recorded as expenditures in applicable governmental funds. The Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets in a general fixed asset account group which is consistent with the practice of many municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

C. Total Columns

Total columns on the combined statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Such data is not comparable to a consolidation since interfund eliminations have not been made.

D. Retirement System

The Town contributes to the Middlesex Contributory Retirement System, a single employer plan, established under Chapter 32 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Substantially all full-time and some part-time employees of the Town except teachers and certain administrative personnel employed by the School Department, participate in the System. Benefits paid under the plan, referred to as "retirement allowance," include both an annuity portion, funded principally from amounts contributed by the participants, and a pension portion funded by the Town.

The participants contribute a certain percentage of their compensation annually, determined by their date of employment. The employer contribution by the Town as determined by the County's actuarial valuation normal cost plus the amortization of the original unfunded actuarial liability.

Teachers and certain administrative employees of the School Department participate in a contributory retirement plan administered by the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board. Contributions to this plan are made entirely by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and therefore, the Town does not contribute to the plan.

2. Departures from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

For years prior to 1985, the Town presented its financial statements on the basis of accounting practices prescribed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Revenue. These practices differed in many significant respects from G.A.A.P.

During 1981, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a revised uniform municipal accounting system entitled "U.M.A.S." The departures from G.A.A.P. under this revised system have been significantly narrowed. The Town has adopted a modified U.M.A.S. for its financial statements.

The significant departures from G.A.A.P. included in the Town of Wilmington's financial statements are:

A. Retirement benefits are provided for in accordance with Chapter 32 of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (see note 1D).

B. General fixed asset acquisitions are recorded as expenditures at the time purchases are made rather than being capitalized in a general fixed asset group of accounts.

C. Purchases for materials and supplies inventories are recorded as expenditures rather than assets at time of purchase.

3. Long-term Debt

State law permits the Town to authorize indebtedness up to a limit of 5% of its equalized valuation. Debt issued in accordance with this State Law is designated as being "inside the debt limit." In addition, however, a Town may authorize debt in excess of that limit for specific purposes. Such debt when issued, is designated as being "outside the debt limit." The following summarized the Annual debt service requirements as of June 30, 1997.

General Obligation Bonds

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
1998	895,700	164,491	1,060,191
1999	665,700	91,984	757,684
2000	590,700	55,545	646,245
2001	450,000	24,244	474,244
2002	225,000	5,512	230,512
	2,827,100	341,776	3,168,876

As of June 30, 1997, the Town had authorized and unissued debt of $33,585,000 as outlined below.

Comprehensive Middle School	$25,600,000
Public Safety Building	$ 6,000,000
Route 38 Corridor Sewer Project	$ 985,000
Raw Water Main Construction	$ 1,000,000

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	General (Net)	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Fund Types Expendable Trust	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:					
General Property Taxes	26,888,361.10				26,888,361.10
Tax Liens	333,592.54	104,422.01			438,014.55
Special Assessments	68,796.12	1,949.47			70,745.59
Excise	1,869,440.73				1,869,440.73
Penalties	155,692.73				155,692.73
Licenses and Permits	303,179.50			20,643.70	323,823.20
Intergovernmental	4,816,946.75	1,891,494.54		911.96	6,709,353.25
Charges for Services	1,841,501.05	4,676,228.44		369,243.51	6,886,973.00
Fines	112,645.50				112,645.50
Fees	57,917.70				57,917.70
Interest Earnings	250,079.02	14,421.00		47,049.30	311,549.32
Other	879,008.59	208,656.09	0.00	1,220,943.73	2,308,608.41
Total Revenues	37,577,161.33	6,897,171.55	0.00	1,658,792.20	46,133,125.08
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government	1,086,018.65	20,576.88		923,109.33	2,029,704.86
Public Safety	4,181,633.14	359,997.67		316,582.13	4,858,212.94
Human Services	511,306.02	26,943.62		10,298.25	548,547.89
Public Works	3,600,152.34	1,691,611.49	52,243.92	625.40	5,344,633.15
Community Development	445,493.70	228,335.46			673,829.16
Building Maintenance	2,017,554.41			51,032.22	2,068,586.63
Education	16,862,885.86	1,449,939.91		200,788.37	18,513,614.14
Recreation	93,415.85	433,407.42			526,823.27
Veterans' Services	19,665.00				19,665.00
Debt and Interest	1,779,156.67				1,779,156.67
Unclassified	3,282,706.56	15,055.78	45,208.51		3,342,970.85
Statutory Charges	2,858,369.15				2,858,369.15
Capital Outlay	418,993.80	234,652.62			653,646.42
Warrant Articles	47,245.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	47,245.38
Total Expenditures	37,204,596.53	4,460,520.85	97,452.43	1,502,435.70	43,265,005.51
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	372,564.80	2,436,650.70	(97,452.43)	156,356.50	2,868,119.57
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds					0.00
Operating Transfers In	1,413,028.98				1,413,028.98
Operating Transfers Out		(1,269,668.00)		(143,360.98)	(1,413,028.98)
State and County Charges		0.00			0.00

Court Judgments					
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,413,028.98	(1,269,668.00)	0.00	(143,360.98)	0.00
Excess/Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,785,593.78	1,166,982.70	(97,452 43)	12,995.52	2,868,119 57
Fund Balance July 1, 1996	1,446,268.39	1,341,280.91	311,202.40	1,302,039.10	4,400,790.80
Decrease in Provision for Abatements and Exemptions	2,906.67				2,906.67
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	3,234,768.84	2,508,263.61	213,749.97	1,315,034.62	7,271,817.04

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF BUDGETARY BASIS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	GENERAL BUDGET	GENERAL ACTUAL	GENERAL VARIANCE
REVENUES:			
General Property Taxes	27,371,809	27,198,769	(173,040)
Special Assessments	9,000	14,992	5,992
Excise	1,600,000	1,869,441	269,441
Penalties	220,000	155,693	(64,307)
Licenses and Permits	316,000	303,180	(12,821)
Intergovemmental	4,849,155	4,816,947	(32,208)
Charges for Services	1,638,758	1,922,635	283,877
Fines	190,000	112,646	(77,355)
Fees	55,000	57,918	2,918
Interest Eamings	135,000	250,079	115,079
Other	606,000	925,197	319,197
Total Revenues	36,990,722	37,627,496	636,774
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Operating Transfers	1,284,668	1,413,029	128,361
Total Other Financing Sources	1,284,668	1,413,029	128,361
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	38,275,390	39,040,525	765,135
EXPENDITURES:			
General Govemment	1,117,774	1,103,158	14,616
Public Safety	4,205,576	4,194,932	10,644
Human Services	518,487	511,027	7,460
Public Works	3,726,676	3,660,378	66,298
Community Development	455,316	445,714	9,602
Building Maintenance	2,022,712	2,017,523	5,189
Education	17,149,466	17,149,466	0
Recreation	94,270	93,416	854
Veterans Services	20,325	19,665	660
Debt and Interest	1,789,365	1,779,157	10,208
Unclassified	3,442,620	3,202,372	240,248
Statutory Charges	3,558,127	3,548,133	9,994
Captial Outlay	521,515	517,031	4,484
Warrant Articles	17,350	16,204	1,146
Total Expenditures	38,639,579	38,258,176	381,404
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(364,189)	782,349	

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 1997

ASSETS	GRANTS	GIFTS	RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION	REVOLVING FUNDS	WATER	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
CASH	261,166 77	47,576 94	641,315 69	407,292 32	1,284,529 29	2,641,881 01
RECEIVABLES						
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES						
LESS PROV FOR ABATES & EXEMPTIONS						
TAX LIENS						
TAX FORECLOSURES						
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE						
DEPARTMENTAL						
BETTERMENTS						
USER CHARGES					355,778 14	355,778 14
DUE FROM OTHER GOV'TS	18,171 26					18,171 26
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIRE OF LONG TERM DEBT						
TOTAL ASSETS	279,338 03	47,576 94	641,315 69	407,292 32	1,640,307 43	3 015 830 41
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE						
LIABILITIES						
WARRANTS PAYABLE	56,168 22			28,983 24	48,465 94	133,617 40
DEFERRED REVENUE						
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES						
OTHER ACCTS RECEIVABLE	18,171 26				355,778 14	373,949 40
NOTES PAYABLE						
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS						
TOTAL LIABILITIES	74,339 48	0 00	0 00	28,983 24	404,244 08	507,566 80
FUND BALANCE						
RES FOR ENCUMBRANCES					127,816 14	127,816 14
RES FOR SPEC PURPOSE						
RES FOR DEF TEACHERS						
UNRESERVED-UNDESIGNATED	204,998 55	47,576 94	641,315 69	378,309 08	1,108,247 21	2,380,447 47
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	204,998 55	47,576 94	641,315 69	378,309 08	1,236,063 35	2,508,263 61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	279,338 03	47,576 94	641,315 69	407,292 32	1,640,307 43	3,015,830 41

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	Grants	Gifts	Reserved for Appropriation	Revolving Funds	Water	Total
REVENUES:						
General Property Taxes						0.00
Tax Liens					104,422 01	104,422.01
Special Assessments					1,949.47	1,949 47
Excise						0.00
Penalties						0 00
Licenses and Permits						0 00
Intergovernmental	1,776,796.23			114,698 31		1,891,494.54
Charges for Services				1,622,384.89	3,053,843.55	4,676,228.44
Fines						0.00
Fees						0.00
Interest Earnings	2,906.08	0.63	11,514.29			14,421.00
Other	14,530.40	45,386.00	107,375.01	26,056.53	15,308.15	208,656.09
Total Revenues	1,794,232.71	45,386.63	118,889.30	1,763,139.73	3 175,523.18	6,897,171.55
EXPENDITURES:						
General Government	20,576 88					20,576.88
Public Safety	351,753.05	254.79		7,989.83		359,997.67
Human Services	22,554.38	2,518.00		1.871 24		26,943.62
Public Works	293,057.53	8,655.00	350.00	77.18	1,389,471.78	1,691,611.49
Community Development	228,335.46					228,335 46
Building Maintenance						0.00
Education	303,935.51			1,146,004.40		1,449,939 91
Recreation				433,407.42		433,407 42
Veterans' Services						0.00
Debt and Interest						0.00
Unclassified	15.055.78					15,055.78
Statutory Charges						0 00
Capital Outlay					234,652.62	234,652 62
Warrant Articles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0 00
Total Expenditures	1,235,268.59	11,427.79	350 00	1,589,350.07	1,624,124 40	4,460,520 85
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	558,964 12	33,958.84	118,539.30	173,789.66	1,551,398.78	2,436,650.70
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES (USES):						
Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds						0 00
Operating Transfers In						0 00
Operating Transfers Out			(35,000.00)		(1,234,668.00)	(1,269,668 00)
State and County Charges						0 00
Court Judgments						

Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0 00	0.00	(35,000.00)	0.00	(1,234,668.00)	(1,269,668.00)
Excess/Deficiency of Revenues and Other Financing Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	558,964.12	33,958 84	83.539.30	173,789.66	316,730.78	1,166,982.70
Fund Balance July 1, 1996	(353,965.57)	13,618.10	557,776.39	204,519.42	919,332.57	1,341,280 91
Decrease in Provision for Abatements and Exemptions						
Fund Balance June 30, 1997	204,998.55	47,576.94	641 315.69	378,309.08	1,236,063.35	2,508,263.61

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Selectmen	Salaries	0.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	1,920.00	0.00	0.00
Selectmen	Expenses	377.96	11,450.00	11,450.00	11,198.10	0.00	629.86
		377.96	13,370.00	13,370.00	13,118.10	0.00	629.86
Elections	Salaries	0.00	18,721.00	18,721.00	17,708.00	0.00	1,013.00
Elections	Constable	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Elections	Expenses	0.00	4,209.00	4,209.00	4,187.96	0.00	21.04
		0.00	23,030.00	23,030.00	21,995.96	0.00	1,034.04
Registrars	Salaries	0.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00	0.00
Registrars	Expenses	80.55	4,550.00	4,550.00	4,630.55	0.00	0.00
		80.55	6,200.00	6,200.00	6,280.55	0.00	0.00
Finance Comm.	Salaries	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	411.30	0.00	788.70
Finance Comm.	Expenses	0.00	6,350.00	6,350.00	6,080.38	0.00	269.62
		0.00	7,550.00	7,550.00	6,491.68	0.00	1,058.32
Town Manager	Salary-Town Manager	0.00	81,161.00	81,161.00	81,161.00	0.00	0.00
Town Manager	Salaries-Other	0.00	220,314.00	220,314.00	220,314.00	0.00	0.00
Town Manager	Expenses	0.00	47,415.00	47,415.00	46,737.27	97.60	580.13
Town Manager	Furnish. & Equip.	7,822.25	600.00	600.00	8,412.24	0.00	10.01
		7,822.25	349,490.00	349,490.00	356,624.51	97.60	590.14
Town Accountant	Sal-Town Accountant	0.00	59,735.00	59,735.00	59,735.00	0.00	0.00
Town Accountant	Salaries-Other	0.00	102,829.00	102,829.00	95,717.32	0.00	7,111.68
Town Accountant	Expenses	0.00	2,010.00	2,010.00	1,968.86	0.00	41.14
		0.00	164,574.00	164,574.00	157,421.18	0.00	7,152.82
Treas/Collector	Sal-Treas/Collector	0.00	59,303.00	59,303.00	59,302.88	0.00	0.12
Treas/Collector	Salaries-Other	0.00	97,089.00	97,089.00	97,089.00	0.00	0.00
Treas/Collector	Expenses	0.00	30,100.00	30,100.00	26,567.85	0.00	3,532.15
		0.00	186,492.00	186,492.00	182,959.73	0.00	3,532.27
Town Clerk	Salary-Town Clerk	0.00	49,551.00	49,551.00	49,551.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk	Salaries-Other	0.00	43,875.00	43,875.00	43,875.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk	Expenses	419.28	2,180.00	2,180.00	2,593.58	0.00	5.70
		419.28	95,606.00	95,606.00	96,019.58	0.00	5.70
Assessors	Sal-Prin. Assessor	0.00	62,648.00	62,648.00	62,648.00	0.00	0.00
Assessors	Salaries-Other	0.00	62,989.00	62,989.00	62,475.99	0.00	513.01
Assessors	Expenses	13,825.20	76,500.00	76,500.00	50,758.37	39,566.83	(0.00)
Assessors	Furnish. & Equip.	0.00	525.00	525.00	525.00	0.00	0.00
		13,825.20	202,662.00	202,662.00	176,407.36	39,566.83	513.01
Town Counsel	Contractual Services	0.00	67,500.00	67,500.00	67,500.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	67,500.00	67,500.00	67,500.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent Bldg Comm	Salaries	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00
Permanent Bldg Comm	Expenses	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
		0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00
General Government Subtotal		22,525.24	1,117,774.00	1,117,774.00	1,086,018.65	39,664.43	14,616.16
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY.							
Police	Salary-Chief	0.00	77,230.00	77,230.00	77,229.89	0.00	0.11
Police	Sal.-Dep. Chief	0.00	61,308.00	61,308.00	61,308.00	0.00	0.00
Police	Sal.-Lieut	0.00	109,332.00	109,332.00	109,332.00	0.00	0.00
Police	Sal.-Sgts	0.00	278,936.00	278,936.00	278,359.68	0.00	576.32
Police	Sal.-Patrolmen	0.00	1,145,088.00	1,145,088.00	1,145,088.00	0.00	0.00
Police	Sal.-Clerical	0.00	57,614.00	57,614.00	57,614.00	0.00	0.00

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Police	Sal -Dispatchers	0 00	17,754.00	17,754 00	16,337 25	0.00	1,416.75
Police	Sal.-Fill In Costs	0.00	234,024.00	261,166 39	261,166 39	0.00	0 00
Police	Sal.-Pd Holidays	0 00	71,758 00	71,758 00	71,486.25	0.00	271.75
Police	Sal.-Specialist	0.00	10,700.00	10,700 00	9,425 00	0.00	1,275.00
Police	Sal.-Incentive	0.00	37,800 00	37,800 00	37,500 00	0.00	300.00
Police	Sal.-Night Diff	0.00	32,760.00	32,760.00	31,158 00	0.00	1,602.00
Police	Expenses	0 00	143,227.00	143,227 00	142,897.10	245.28	84.62
Police	Sick Leave Buyback	0.00	11,514.00	11,514.00	11,514.00	0 00	0.00
Police	Furnish & Equip.	0.00	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00	0.00	0 00
		0.00	2,290,145.00	2,317,287.39	2,311,515.56	245.28	5,526 55
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Chief	0.00	68,143.00	68,143.00	68,143.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Dep. Chief	0.00	56,769.00	56,769.00	56,769.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Lieut.	0.00	233,180 00	233,180.00	233,180.00	0.00	0 00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Privates	0.00	1,015,959.00	1,015,959.00	1,015,959.00	0 00	0 00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Clerk/Disptch	0.00	58,597.00	58,597.00	58,597.00	0.00	0 00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Overtime Costs	0.00	162,500 00	162,500.00	161,792.32	0.00	707.68
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Pd Holidays	0.00	72,614.00	72,614 00	72,614.00	0 00	0 00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-Incentive/EMT	0 00	73,450 00	73,450.00	73,450.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Dept.	Sal.-O.T. Fire Alarm	0.00	11,280.00	11,280.00	11,277.55	0.00	2.45
Fire Dept.	Expenses	0.00	62,550.00	63,871.00	62,716.25	1,154.75	0 00
Fire Dept.	Sick Leave Buyback	0.00	20,494.00	20,494 00	20,494.00	0 00	0 00
Fire Dept.	Furnish & Equip.	0.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	10,101.90	11,898.10	0.00
		0.00	1,857,536.00	1,858,857.00	1,845,094.02	13,052.85	710.13
Animal Control	Salaries	0.00	22,832.00	22,832.00	22,832.00	0.00	0.00
Animal Control	Cont. Services	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	1,866 56	0 00	4,133 44
Animal Control	Expenses	0.00	600.00	600.00	325.00	0.00	275.00
		0 00	29,432.00	29,432.00	25,023.56	0.00	4,408 44
Prot. Persons & Prop. Subtotal		0 00	4,177,113 00	4,205,576.39	4,181,633.14	13,298 13	10,645 12
PUBLIC WORKS:							
Engineering Div	Salaries	0.00	118,231.00	118,231.00	118,231.00	0.00	0 00
Engineering Div	Salaries-Part Time	0.00	37,842.00	37,842.00	37,842.00	0.00	0 00
Engineering Div.	Expenses	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,157.05	661.24	681.71
		0.00	158,573.00	158,573.00	157,230 05	661.24	681 71
Highway Division	Sal-D.P.W. Supt	0.00	77,230 00	77,230 00	77,230 00	0 00	0 00
Highway Division	Salaries-Other	0.00	880,367.00	880,367.00	867,069.27	0.00	13,297.73
Highway Division	Stream Maintenance	0.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	16,508 27	0.00	1,491 73
Highway Division	Expenses	12,926.03	155,940.00	155,940.00	146,086.34	22,779.69	(0 00)
Highway Division	Rd. Mach. Exp.	0 00	65,000 00	65,000 00	47,486.38	4,432 15	13,081.47
Highway Division	Fuel & Other	0.00	98,950.00	98,950.00	98,950 00	0.00	0 00
Highway Division	Drainage Projects	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	1,867.82	18,132.18	0.00
Highway Division	Public St. Lights	19,989.79	206,944.00	186,944.00	189,683.56	17,250.23	0.00
Highway Division	Chapter 90M	26,980 84	0 00	0.00	0.00	26,980.84	0.00
Highway Division	Chapter 81M	24,268.36	70,000 00	70,000.00	43,257.83	51,010.53	0.00
Highway Division	Furnish & Equip	0.00	30,500 00	30,500.00	25,392.00	0 00	5,108.00
		84,165.02	1,622,931.00	1,602,931.00	1,513,531.47	140,585 62	32,978 93
Snow & Ice Control	Salaries	0 00	127,411 00	77,411.00	75,204.03	0.00	2,206 97
Snow & Ice Control	Expenses	0 00	189,336 00	148,255 00	136,615 90	0 00	11,639 10
		0 00	316,747.00	225,666.00	211,819.93	0.00	13,846 07
Highway Division	Rubbish Collection	0 00	1,336,605 00	1,336,605 00	1,336,605.00	0.00	0 00
		0.00	1,336,605.00	1,336,605.00	1,336,605.00	0 00	0 00
Tree Division	Salaries	0.00	88,486 00	88,486.00	85,437.21	0.00	3,048.79
Tree Division	Expenses	0 00	9,395 00	9,395 00	4,129.62	53 65	5,211 73
		0.00	97,881.00	97,881 00	89,566 83	53 65	8,260 52

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Parks & Grounds Div	Salaries	0.00	145,846.00	145,846.00	143,014.39	0.00	2,831.61
Parks & Grounds Div.	Expenses	0.00	30,400.00	30,400.00	20,959.72	8,544.69	895.59
		0.00	176,246.00	176,246.00	163,974.11	8,544.69	3,727.20
Cemetery Division	Salaries	0.00	114,024.00	114,024.00	113,842.67	0.00	181.33
Cemetery Division	Expenses	12,464.97	14,750.00	14,750.00	13,582.28	7,010.75	6,621.94
		12,464.97	128,774.00	128,774.00	127,424.95	7,010.75	6,803.27
Public Works Subtotal		96,629.99	3,837,757.00	3,726,676.00	3,600,152.34	156,855.95	66,297.70
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:							
Board of Health	Salary-Director	0.00	52,323.00	52,323.00	52,323.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Health	Salaries-Other	0.00	109,473.00	109,473.00	107,250.70	0.00	2,222.30
Board of Health	Expenses	0.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Health	Mental Health	1,215.08	16,000.00	16,000.00	17,215.04	0.00	0.04
Board of Health	Furnish & Equip	0.00	135.00	135.00	106.04	0.00	28.96
		1,215.08	184,681.00	184,681.00	183,644.78	0.00	2,251.30
Sealer/Wght & Meas.	Salaries	0.00	3,960.00	3,960.00	3,960.00	0.00	0.00
Sealer/Wght & Meas.	Expenses	0.00	80.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
		0.00	4,040.00	4,040.00	3,960.00	0.00	80.00
Planning/Conservation	Salary-Director	0.00	54,911.00	54,911.00	54,911.00	0.00	0.00
Planning/Conservation	Salaries-Other	0.00	89,836.00	89,836.00	89,181.20	0.00	654.80
Planning/Conservation	Expenses	415.00	11,025.00	11,025.00	5,508.94	850.00	5,081.06
		415.00	155,772.00	155,772.00	149,601.14	850.00	5,735.86
Bldg. Inspector	Sal-Bldg Inspector	0.00	42,193.00	42,193.00	42,193.00	0.00	0.00
Bldg. Inspector	Salaries-Other	0.00	62,842.00	62,842.00	62,282.00	0.00	560.00
Bldg. Inspector	Expenses	0.00	5,788.00	5,788.00	3,812.78	1,000.00	975.22
		0.00	110,823.00	110,823.00	108,287.78	1,000.00	1,535.22
Community Development Subtotal		1,630.08	455,316.00	455,316.00	445,493.70	1,850.00	9,602.38
PUBLIC BUILDINGS							
Public Buildings	Sal-Superintendent	0.00	70,110.00	70,110.00	70,110.00	0.00	0.00
Public Buildings	Salaries-Other	0.00	1,359,881.00	1,344,881.00	1,342,249.18	0.00	2,631.82
Public Buildings	Fuel Heating	1,287.44	204,124.00	204,124.00	200,849.67	4,561.77	(0.00)
Public Buildings	Electric-Town Bldgs.	0.00	88,764.00	88,764.00	88,764.00	0.00	0.00
Public Buildings	Utilities-Town Bldgs.	0.00	62,196.00	62,196.00	60,725.07	0.00	1,470.93
Public Buildings	Expenses-Town Bldgs.	0.00	62,310.00	64,836.77	64,704.38	114.50	17.89
Public Buildings	Expenses-School Bldgs	0.00	120,600.00	120,600.00	120,600.00	0.00	0.00
Public Buildings	Furn. & Equip.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Buildings	Asbestos Repair	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,588.89	0.00	411.11
Public Buildings	Roof Repairs	332.00	14,200.00	14,200.00	13,874.88	0.00	657.12
Public Buildings	HVAC Repairs	3,088.34	40,000.00	50,000.00	53,088.34	0.00	0.00
		4,707.78	2,025,185.00	2,022,711.77	2,017,554.41	4,676.27	5,188.87
Public Buildings Subtotal		4,707.78	2,025,185.00	2,022,711.77	2,017,554.41	4,676.27	5,188.87
HUMAN SERVICES.							
Veterans	Salary	0.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	5,700.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans	Expenses	0.00	1,625.00	1,625.00	1,625.00	0.00	0.00
Veterans	Assistance	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	12,340.00	0.00	660.00
		0.00	20,325.00	20,325.00	19,665.00	0.00	660.00
Library	Salary-Director	0.00	40,990.00	40,990.00	40,990.00	0.00	0.00
Library	Salaries-Other	0.00	271,953.00	271,953.00	268,645.70	0.00	3,307.30
Library	Expenses	0.00	80,614.00	80,614.00	80,561.23	0.00	52.77

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Library	Furn. & Equip.	0.00	1,234.00	1,234.00	1,233.94	0.00	0.06
		0.00	394,791.00	394,791.00	391,430.87	0.00	3,360.13
Recreation	Salary-Director	0.00	55,655.00	55,655.00	55,655.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation	Salaries-Other	0.00	35,915.00	35,915.00	35,069.07	0.00	845.93
Recreation	Expenses	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,691.78	0.00	8.22
		0.00	94,270.00	94,270.00	93,415.85	0.00	854.15
Elderly Services	Salary-Director	0.00	44,353.00	44,353.00	44,353.00	0.00	0.00
Elderly Services	Salaries-Other	0.00	42,585.00	42,585.00	42,585.00	0.00	0.00
Elderly Services	Expenses	0.00	34,208.00	34,208.00	31,102.69	0.00	3,105.31
		0.00	121,146.00	121,146.00	118,040.69	0.00	3,105.31
Historical Comm.	Salaries	0.00	900.00	900.00	844.00	0.00	56.00
Historical Comm.	Expenses	126.84	900.00	900.00	563.46	463.38	(0.00)
		126.84	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,407.46	463.38	56.00
Handicapped Comm	Salaries	0.00	500.00	500.00	112.00	0.00	388.00
Handicapped Comm.	Expenses	615.00	250.00	250.00	315.00	0.00	550.00
		615.00	750.00	750.00	427.00	0.00	938.00
Human Services Subtotal		741.84	633,082.00	633,082.00	624,386.87	463.38	8,973.59
EDUCATION:							
School Dept.	Appropriation	0.00	12,222,507.00	12,222,507.00	12,290,239.32	0.00	(67,732.32)
School Dept.	Expenses	307,548.55	3,256,644.00	3,256,644.00	2,902,331.54	594,128.69	67,732.32
		307,548.55	15,479,151.00	15,479,151.00	15,192,570.86	594,128.69	(0.00)
Regional Vocational	Shawsheen Vocational	0.00	1,670,315.00	1,670,315.00	1,670,315.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	1,670,315.00	1,670,315.00	1,670,315.00	0.00	0.00
Education Subtotal		307,548.55	17,149,466.00	17,149,466.00	16,862,885.86	594,128.69	(0.00)
DEBT SERVICE:							
Debt & Interest	Schools	0.00	199,794.00	199,794.00	199,793.75	0.00	0.25
Debt & Interest	Gen. Government	0.00	369,772.00	369,772.00	369,489.67	0.00	282.33
Debt & Interest	Sewer	0.00	303,837.00	303,837.00	303,836.25	0.00	0.75
Debt & Interest	Water	0.00	905,962.00	905,962.00	905,962.00	0.00	0.00
Debt & Interest	Auth. Fees & Misc.	0.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	75.00	0.00	9,925.00
		0.00	1,799,365.00	1,789,365.00	1,779,156.67	0.00	10,208.33
Debt & Interest Subtotal		0.00	1,799,365.00	1,789,365.00	1,779,156.67	0.00	10,208.33
UNCLASSIFIED:							
Veterans' Retirement		0.00	20,196.00	20,196.00	19,512.72	0.00	683.28
Employ. Retire. Unused Sick Leave		0.00	35,820.00	35,820.00	25,891.25	6,820.01	3,108.74
Medicare Employers' Contribution		0.00	132,000.00	132,000.00	132,000.00	0.00	0.00
Salary Adj. & Add. Costs		0.00	65,000.00	49,857.61	44,783.01	0.00	5,074.60
Local Trans/Training Conf		0.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	3,102.64	0.00	3,197.36
Out of State Travel		0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Computer Hardware & Software Maint. & Expenses		6,820.27	60,848.00	60,848.00	66,153.02	1,515.25	0.00
Microfilm Projects		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Annual Audit		0.00	13,900.00	13,900.00	13,900.00	0.00	0.00
Ambulance Billing		0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	9,512.50	0.00	2,487.50
Town Report		0.00	6,250.00	6,250.00	4,867.50	0.00	1,382.50
Sewer Maintenance		6,204.90	67,217.00	67,217.00	27,312.65	0.00	46,109.25
Professional & Tech. Services		690.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,176.56	425.00	88.44
School Medicaid Billing		0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Deferred Teachers Salaries		0.00	106,527.00	106,527.00	0.00	0.00	106,527.00
Reserve Fund		0.00	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR 1997

		AMT CFWD TO FY 97 FROM FISCAL 1996	APPROPRIATION FISCAL 1997	TRANSFER & APPROPRIATION FISCAL 1997	EXPENDITURES FISCAL 1997	AMT CFWD TO FY 98 FROM FISCAL 1997	CLOSING BALANCE
Insurance & Bonds		74,481 00	475,500 00	275,500 00	300,890 82	7,500 00	41,590 18
Employee Health & Life Insurance		120,438 72	2,022,000 00	2,604,204 61	2,613,603 89	111,039 44	(0 00)
Unclassified Subtotal		209,634 89	3,175,558 00	3,442,620 22	3,282,706 56	129,299 70	240,248 85
STATUTORY CHARGES							
Amt Cert. Coll. Tax Title		0 00	26,000 00	26,000 00	23,021 92	0 00	2,978 08
Current Year Overlay		0 00	655,000 00	653,307 00	0 00	0 00	653,307 00
Prior Year Overlay Deficit		0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Retirement Contributions		0 00	1,106,404 00	1,078,985 00	1,078,985 44	0 00	(0 44)
Teachers Retirement		0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
County Retirement Tax		0 00	47,830 00	44,866 00	44,867 79	0 00	(1 79)
Offset Items		0 00	34,764 00	36,457 00	0 00	0 00	36,457 00
Special Education		0 00	1,013 00	(674 00)	349 00	0 00	(1,023 00)
Mass Bay Trans Auth		0 00	403,957 00	416,928 00	412,483 00	0 00	4,445 00
MAPC (Ch 688 of 1963)		0 00	4,278 00	4,416 00	4,416 00	0 00	0 00
Excise Tax (Ch 727 of 1962)		0 00	11,140 00	13,120 00	10,380 00	0 00	2,740 00
Energy Cons Pro Assessment		0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Metro Air Poll Cont Dist		0 00	5,070 00	5,036 00	5,036 00	0 00	0 00
Mosquito Control Program		0 00	23,339 00	26,405 00	25,549 00	0 00	856 00
M.W.R.A. Sewer Assessment		0 00	1,138,771 00	1,249,681 00	1,249,681 00	0 00	0 00
Criminal Justice Training		0 00	0 00	3,600 00	3,600 00	0 00	0 00
Final Court Judgements		0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Statutory Charges Subtotal		0 00	3,457,566 00	3,558,127 00	2,858,369 15	0 00	699,757 85
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
Police Dept.	Cruisers	0 00	88,364 00	91,714 00	88,364 00	0 00	3,350 00
Fire Dept.	Pumper	0 00	180,000 00	180,000 00	179,900 00	0 00	100 00
Fire Dept	Chief's Vehicle	0 00	22,361 00	22,361 00	22,361 00	0 00	0 00
Highway Div	Pickup Trucks	0 00	21,052 00	21,052 00	21,052 00	0 00	0 00
Highway Div.	Dump Truck	0 00	30,771 00	30,771 00	30,771 00	0 00	0 00
Highway Div	Rotary Mower	0 00		57,965 00	0 00	57,965 00	0 00
Public Buildings	West Schoolhouse Roo	0 00	11,000 00	11,000 00	6,293 63	4,706 37	0 00
Public Buildings	Public Bldgs Van	0 00	26,536 00	26,536 00	26,536 00	0 00	0 00
Public Buildings	ADA Compliance	0 00	9,000 00	9,000 00	6,749 91	2,250 09	0 00
School Dept	Handicap Van	0 00		33,116 00	0 00	33,116 00	0 00
School Dept.	Sprinkler System	0 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	8,966 26	0 00	1,033 74
School Dept	Tennis/B'Ball Courts	0 00	26,000 00	28,000 00	28,000 00	0 00	0 00
Capital Outlay Subtotal		0 00	427,084 00	521,515 00	418,993 80	98,037 46	4,483 74
WARRANT ARTICLES							
Memorial Day/Veterans Day		0 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	1,745 38	2,959 08	295 54
Lease Quarters-Marines,VFW, Legion		0 00	2,250 00	2,250 00	1,500 00	0 00	750 00
Street Acceptance		0 00	100 00	100 00	0 00	0 00	100 00
Senior Tax Rebate Program		2,000 00	10,000 00	10,000 00	4,000 00	8,000 00	0 00
Facilities Development Program		40,000 00	0 00	0 00	40,000 00	0 00	0 00
Warrant Articles Subtotal		42,000 00	17,350 00	17,350 00	47,245 38	10,959 08	1,145 54
TOTAL		685,418 37	38,272,616 00	38,639,579 38	37,204,596 53	1,049,233 09	1,071,168 13

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
WATER DEPARTMENT
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

REVENUES	ACTUAL FISCAL 1994	ACTUAL FISCAL 1995	ACTUAL FISCAL 1996	ACTUAL FISCAL 1997
WATER RECEIVABLES RATES	2,691,225 68	2,681,111 81	3,046,538 95	2,837,206 10
WATER RECEIVABLES SERVICES	16,414 11	8,981 94	10,499 00	15,382 35
WATER RECEIVABLES INDUSTRIAL	49,644 51	31,339 80	2,471 89	34,577 50
WATER RECEIVABLES CONNECTIONS	85,350 00	113,508 00	99,768 80	91,302 00
WATER RECEIVABLES FIRE PROT.	31,112 29	30,913 29	33,613 66	37,194 60
WATER RECEIVABLES CROSS CONN	44,760 00	41,614 60	31,633 50	24,835 00
WATER LIENS	103,708 26	118,204 82	101,204 43	104,422 01
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	4,338 85	3,730 53	4,170 14	1,949 47
CAPITAL PROJECT CLOSEOUTS	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
MISCELLANEOUS	31,953 87	16,574 31	21,831 38	28,654 15
REIMBURSEMENTS	63,062 53	18,705 24	0 00	0 00
TOTAL REVENUE	3,121,570 10	3,064,684 34	3,351,731 75	3,175,523 18
OPERATING COSTS	1,401,187 00	1,390,448 96	1,686,595 00	1,624,124 40
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	1,401,187 00	1,390,448 96	1,686,595 26	1,624,124 40
EXCESS REVENUES OVER OPERATING COSTS	1,720,383 10	1,674,235 38	1,665,136 49	1,551,398 78
TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND FOR DEBT SERVICE, EMPLOYEES BENEFITS AND ALLOCATED CHARGES	1,473,987 00	1,439,550 00	1,290,489 00	1,234,668 00
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OVER REVENUES	246,396 10	234,685 38	374,647 49	316,730 78
TOTAL FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	63,603 60	309,999 70	544,685 08	919,332 57
TOTAL FUND BALANCE - ENDING	309,999 70	544,685 08	919,332 57	1,236,063 35

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Town Meeting Dates	SEWER CONSTRUCTION	N E SEWER INTERCEPTOR (ENGINEERING) 4/23/88	MAIN ST SEWER 4/22/89	RT 38 SEWER CONSTRUCTION 4/27/96	LOWELL ST SEWER 4/27/96	SHAWSHEEN WELL RAW MAIN 4/27/96	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
Initial Project Authorization	1,210,000	450,000	747,000	985,000	80,000	1,000,000	4,472,000
REVENUES							
Intergovernmental	0 00	0.00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Total Revenue	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00	0 00
EXPENDITURES							
Capital Outlay							
Total Expenditures	0 00	0.00	0 00	9,938 23	35,270 20	52,244 00	97,452 43
Excess of revenues over/under expenditures	0 00	0 00	0 00	(9,938 23)	(35,270 20)	(52,244 00)	(97,452 43)
Other Financial Sources(uses)							
Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds & Notes	0 00	0 00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0 00	0 00
Operating transfers							
Total Other Financial Sources/Uses	0 00	0 00	0 00	0.00	0 00	0 00	0 00
Excess of Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	0 00	0.00	0 00	(9,938 23)	(35,270 20)	(52,244 00)	(97,452 43)
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 1996	182,456 29	7,266 68	121,479 43	0 00	0 00	0 00	311,202 40
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 1997	182,456 29	7 266 68	121,479 43	(9,938 23)	(35,270 20)	(52,244 00)	213,749 97

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

DESCRIPTION	YEAR ISSUE	YEAR DUE	RATE	OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 1996	BOND ADDITIONS	BOND RETIREMENTS	OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 1997
INSIDE DEBT LIMIT							
Sewer Bonds	07-77	07-98	5.0	160,000	0	80,000	80,000
Sewer Bonds	05-82	05-97	9.5-10.4	90,000	0	90,000	0
Street Bonds	11-90	11-98	6.8-6.85	35,000	0	15,000	20,000
Remodeling	11-90	11-98	6.85	150,000	0	50,000	100,000
Sewer - Main Street	11-90	11-98	6.8-6.85	370,000	0	75,000	295,000
School Boilers	11-90	11-99	6.8-6.85	375,000	0	95,000	280,000
Sewer-MWRA Loan	06-95	05-00	0	82,800	0	20,700	62,100
Dept.Equipment-Fire	06-95	06-00	5.1	180,000	0	45,000	135,000
Judgement Loan	08-96	08-02	4.9	0	1,125,000	0	1,125,000
TOTAL INSIDE DEBT LIMIT				1,442,800	1,125,000	470,700	2,097,100
OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT							
School Renovation	08-86	08-96	5.8-5.9	80,000	0	80,000	0
Water Plant	07-79	07-98	5.25	300,000	0	150,000	150,000
Water Plant	08-86	08-96	5.8-5.9	370,000	0	370,000	0
Water Land Purchase	08-92	08-96	4.25	175,000	0	175,000	0
Water Standpipe	11-90	11-00	6.8-8.85	720,000	0	140,000	580,000
TOTAL OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT				1,645,000	0	915,000	730,000
TOTAL DEBT				3,087,800	1,125,000	1,385,700	2,827,100

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDABLE AND NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
IN CUSTODY OF TOWN TREASURER FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	BALANCE JUNE 30, 1996			INVESTMENT		TRANSFERS	BALANCE JUNE 30, 1997		
	NON-EXPEND	EXPENDABLE	BEQUESTS	INCOME	EXPENDITURES	IN (OUT)	NON-EXPEND	EXPENDABLE	TOTAL
TRUSTS									
S CARTER COMMON FUND	200 00	862 67	0 00	45 95	0 00	0 00	200 00	908 62	1,108 62
SDJ CARTER LECTURE FUND	6,000 00	3,892 22		421 75	569 33	0 00	6,000 00	3,744 64	9,744 64
LIBRARY FUNDS									
BENJAMIN BUCK	500 00	780 85	0 00	54 85	82 25	0 00	500 00	753 45	1,253 45
BURNAP	200 00	335 50	0 00	23 16	0 00	0 00	200 00	358 66	558 66
CHESTER M CLARK	500 00	1,012 11	0 00	65 40	0 00	0 00	500 00	1,077 51	1,577 51
CHARLOTTE C SMITH	500 00	1,010 03	0 00	57 68	774 11	0 00	500 00	293 60	793 60
STANLEY WEBBER	0 00	3,349 55	0 00	144 84	0 00	0 00	0 00	3 494 39	3,494 39
E WILM IMP ASSOC	3,820 00	4,525 95	0 00	348 78	1,144 65	0 00	3,820 00	3,730 08	7,550 08
S C WALKER-WALKER SCH FD	275 00	699 51	0 00	42 14	0 00	0 00	275 00	741 65	1,016 65
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	0 00	49,289 59	0 00	2,131 42	0 00	0 00	0 00	51,421 01	51,421 01
CEMETERY FUNDS	416,248 00	18,301 59	46,619 00	19,946 22	350 00	(15,000 00)	462,517 00	23,247 81	485,764 81
BIGGAR SCHOLARSHIP	25,000 00	1,099 13	0 00	1,121.73	1,000 00	0 00	25,000 00	1,220 86	26 220 86
SCOTT D BRACISKA SCHOL	0 00	23,449 52	0 00	1,200 82	750 00	0 00	0 00	23,900 34	23,900 34
ELDERLY SERVICES	0 00	6,372 42	0 00	287 40	8,297 24	7,980 70	0 00	6,343 28	6,343 28
TOWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND	0 00	5,033 19	4,019 50	290 00	2,250 00	0 00	4 019 50	3,073 19	7 092 69
WHS SCHOLARSHIP	0 00	0 00	0 00	1,037 12	13,814 00	42,315 25	0 00	29 538 37	29,538 37
ZENECA SETTLEMENT	0 00	0 00	12,500 00	44 63	0 00	0 00	12,500 00	44 63	12,544 63
TOTAL	453,243 00	120,013 83	63,138 50	27,263 89	29,031 58	35,295 95	516,031 50	153,892 09	669,923 59
INVESTMENTS									
INVEST FUND CONSERVATION	0 00	5,871 14	0 00	253 91	455 00	0 00	0 00	5,670 05	5,670 05
DONATION-PUBLIC SAFETY	0 00	1,476 90	0 00	63 67	0 00	0 00	0 00	1,540 57	1,540 57
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0 00	330,371 60	0 00	12,441 46	870,134 00	885,291 71	0 00	357,970 77	357,970 77
ANDOVER ST TRAFFIC LIGHTS	0 00	13 29	0 00	0 58	0 00	0 00	0 00	13 87	13 87
TRACY CIRCLE	0 00	4,107 11	0 00	177 09	0 00	0 00	0 00	4,284 20	4,284 20
BARROWS AUD RENOVATIONS	0 00	709 96	0 00	30 71	0 00	0 00	0 00	740 67	740 67
MIDDLESEX PINES I & II	0 00	134,869 76	0 00	5,292 85	0 00	(128,360 98)	0 00	11,801 63	11,801 63
ADOPTION	0 00	290 02	0 00	12 50	0 00	0 00	0 00	302 52	302 52
193 BALLARDVALE	0 00	1,009 72	0 00	43 53	0 00	0 00	0 00	1,053 25	1,053 25
STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	0 00	0 00	0 00	1,669 11	184,149 78	222,367 57	0 00	39,886 90	39,886 90
TOTAL	0 00	478,719 50	0 00	19,985 41	1,054,738 78	979,298 30	0 00	423,264 43	423,264 43
TRUST TOTAL	453,243 00	598,733 33	63,138 50	47,249 30	1,083,770 36	1,014,594 25	516,031 50	577,156 52	1,093,188 02

Boards Committees & Commissions

Meeting Dates & Times

Board, Committee, Commission	Date	Room	Building	Time
APPEALS, BOARD OF	1st & 3rd Monday	4	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
ARTS, COUNCIL FOR THE	2nd Wednesday		Arts Center	7:00 p.m.
ASSESSORS, BOARD OF	2nd & 4th Thursday	2	Town Hall	9:30 a.m.
CARTER LECTURE FUND	As Needed			
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	3rd Thursday		Cemetery	1:00 p.m.
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1st & 3rd Wednesday	9	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
DISABILITIES, WILMINGTON COMM.	As Needed			
ELDERLY SERVICES COMMISSION	3rd Tuesday		Sr. Center	1:30 p.m.
FINANCE COMMITTEE	2nd Tuesday	9	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
HEALTH, BOARD OF	1st & 3rd Monday	4	Town Hall	5:15 p.m.
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2nd Monday	4	Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
HOUSING AUTHORITY	1st Tuesday		Deming Way	7:30 p.m.
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	2nd Thursday	9	Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	3rd Tuesday		Library	7:30 p.m.
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE	Monthly		Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
PLANNING BOARD	1st & 3rd Tuesday	9	Town Hall	7:30 p.m.
RECREATION COMMISSION	1st Thursday	8	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
RECYCLING ADVISORY COMM.	As Needed			
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	3rd Thursday		Chamber Office	7:00 p.m.
REG. VOC./TECH. SCHOOL COMM.	2nd & 4th Tuesday		Shaw. Tech.	7:30 p.m.
REGISTRARS, BOARD OF	2nd Monday	12	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2nd & 4th Wednesday	9	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
SELECTMEN, BOARD OF	2nd & 4th Monday	9	Town Hall	7:00 p.m.
TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE	As Needed			
WATER & SEWER COMMISSION	Monthly	AUD	Town Hall	6:00 p.m.

* * For Your Information * *

Department Phone Directory

Department	Telephone Number
Accountant	694-2029
Animal Control	658-5071 (Complaints)
	658-7845 (Missing/Adoption)
Arts Center	657-3887
Assessor	658-3675
Board of Selectmen Office	658-3311
Building Inspector	658-4531
Cemetery Department	658-3901
Collector of Taxes	658-3531
Credit Union	658-5394
Department of Public Works	658-4481
Elderly Services	657-7595
Engineer	658-4499
Financial Director	658-3531
Fire Department	658-3346 (Business Phone)
	9-1-1 (EMERGENCY)
Fire Prevention	694-2006
Health, Board of	658-4298
Housing Authority	658-8531
Library	658-2967
	657-4625 (TDD)
Nurse	658-4298
Planning/Conservation	658-8238
Plumbing Inspector	658-3223
Police Department	658-5071
	9-1-1 (EMERGENCY)
	657-8368 (TDD)
Public Buildings Department	658-3017
Recreation Department	658-4270
School Department	694-6000
Town Clerk	658-2030
Town Manager	658-3311
	694-1417 (TDD)
Treasurer	658-3531
Tree Department	658-2809
Veteran's Agent	694-2040
Water Department	658-3116
Water Pumping Station	658-4711

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Kingsley

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